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Second chance pays off: Otsego woman wins \$1 million

By Jason Weseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—An Otsego woman is \$1 million richer after winning the grand prize in a Michigan Lottery second chance drawing earlier this month.

Michelle Roemer, 58, won the \$1 million prize during the Millionaire Maker Second Chance live event held April 10 at a Grand Rapids Griffins game.

Roemer earned entries into the drawing by scanning non-winning Millionaire Maker instant tickets using the Michigan Lottery mobile app. She was one of five finalists selected to participate in the live event.

“Millionaire Maker was the first ticket I’d ever scanned for a second chance, so I was really excited when I got the call about being chosen as a contestant, even though I did think it was a scam at first,” Roemer said.

During the event, finalists participated in a live game for a chance at the top prize.

“Whenever I play the Lottery, I do what I call my ‘Lottery lucky dance,’ so when the wheel was spinning, I was out there doing my lucky dance,” Roemer said. “When the wheel stopped on blue, I was so overwhelmed and couldn’t believe it,” she said. “There’s truly nothing to compare that feeling to.”

Roemer said she plans to use her winnings to book a vacation, invest and live debt-free.

“This prize is life-changing,” she said.



Otsego resident Michelle Roemer won \$1 million as part of a second-chance drawing by the Michigan Lottery. (Photo provided)

Tornadoes leave widespread damage across Otsego, Plainwell

By Jason Weseldyk
Sports Editor

A severe storm system moved through the Otsego and Plainwell area late Tuesday night, April 14, leaving behind widespread damage and power outages across both communities after two tornadoes touched down within minutes of each other.

According to the National Weather Service, an EF0 tornado first touched down near Schermerhorn Lake at 11:38 p.m., remaining on the ground for approximately 6.5 miles.

A second, stronger EF1 tornado followed at 11:52 p.m., traveling through Otsego and into Plainwell before lifting near Hickory Corners shortly after midnight.

The EF1 tornado reached peak wind speeds of 100 mph and stretched up to 175 yards

wide at times.

Despite the intensity of the storm and the extent of the damage, local officials confirmed there were no injuries or fatalities.

Damage seen across both communities

In both Otsego and Plainwell, the most widespread damage came from downed trees and power lines, many of which blocked roads and damaged homes and buildings.

“So many trees down,” Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said. “With those trees came downed powerlines. Luckily it appears they have mostly avoided buildings.”

“There were a few buildings that had a partial hit, but there was no devastating destruction that you would have expected. So in many ways we were blessed to



A homeowner checks out the damage left behind following the severe weather that ripped through the area late Tuesday, April 14. (Photo by Tim Beason)

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Salute to Healthcare: Caring for Allegan County

Across Allegan County, healthcare professionals serve on the front lines of community well-being. From hospitals and clinics to long-term care facilities, emergency services, and local practices, these individuals provide care, comfort, and expertise to residents at every stage of life. Their work is essential, often demanding, and always rooted in a commitment to helping others.

Healthcare reaches into nearly every household. Physicians, nurses, therapists, technicians, aides, and support staff work together to diagnose, treat, and guide patients through both routine care and unexpected challenges. Whether it is a check-up, a recovery process, or an urgent situation, their presence brings reassurance and stability during moments that matter most.

The field of healthcare requires both knowledge and

compassion. Long hours, complex cases, and rapidly changing conditions are part of the job, yet professionals continue to meet these challenges with dedication and skill. Their ability to adapt, learn, and respond to the needs of patients reflects a deep sense of responsibility to the communities they serve.

Beyond direct care, healthcare providers also play a key role in education and prevention. They promote healthy lifestyles, offer guidance on managing chronic conditions, and work to prevent illness before it begins. These efforts help improve quality of life and strengthen the overall health of Allegan County.

Healthcare is also a major contributor to the local economy. It provides stable employment opportunities and supports a wide range of related services, from administration and maintenance to

specialized medical fields. The impact of this sector extends far beyond exam rooms and hospital walls.

In times of uncertainty, the importance of healthcare becomes even more clear. Whether responding to public health concerns, seasonal illnesses, or individual emergencies, these professionals remain steady and reliable. Their presence offers confidence and care when it is needed most.

At the Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we proudly salute the healthcare professionals who serve our communities every day. Today, we recognize their dedication, their compassion, and their unwavering commitment to improving lives. Their work helps keep Allegan County healthy, strong, and moving forward.

No crying over spilt milk

By Scott Sullivan
Editor

A 3-vehicle crackup Friday, April 17, just after 4 p.m. saw a van rear-end a pickup that was completely stopped on northbound I-196 just before Douglas/Ganges Exit 36. The impact pushed the pickup into a semi-tanker hauling milk. Saugatuck Township Fire District first responders, reported IT Director Erik Kirchert, found no one trapped or pinned in the vehicles nor incurring more than minor injuries. Also responding were Fennville and Ganges fire departments, Life EMS Ambulance, Michigan State Police, Allegan County Sheriff’s deputies and the Douglas Police Department. Traffic was shut down at mile marker 34 and traffic rerouted onto Blue Star Highway while crews worked on the scene. Ray’s Towing picked up and off the truck and van. The milk tanker driver set he didn’t need a tow. The scene was fully cleared between 5:16 and 5:26 p.m., Kirchert said.

No charges filed in crash that killed Hamilton fire chief

No criminal charges will be filed in a December crash that killed the longtime Hamilton fire chief, deputies say. David Haverdink was hit by a vehicle Dec. 23 while responding to a call on M-40 near 136th Avenue, according to the Allegan County Sheriff’s Office. He was taken to the hospital, where he died two days later on Christmas Day. He was 74 years old. In a Monday release, the sheriff’s office says that after a “thorough” investigation by the crash reconstruction team and consulting with the county prosecutor, “no criminal charges will sought.” Haverdink had been with the Hamilton Fire Department for 51 years, including more than 40 as fire chief. He was also the sheriff of Allegan County for eight years. He was remembered for his many years of service, “He obviously is someone who spent his entire life dedicated to public service and it’s something that he did right up until the very end,” Allegan County Sheriff Frank Baker said at his visitation in early January.

Hopkins man sentenced in cockfighting ring arrest

37-year-old Edin Rodas of Hopkins was sentenced on charges stemming from a cockfighting ring that was busted last summer. On Monday, Allegan County Circuit Court Judge Emily Jipp ordered Rodas to a day in prison, 18 months of probation, and to pay nearly \$700 in fines. He had pled guilty last month to felony counts of animal fighting, having animal fighting equipment, and killing/torturing animals. Rodas was arrested on July 29th after sheriff’s deputies descended upon a farm property, following a video tip showing an event that had been staged there three days earlier. Hard evidence gathered at that time supported the virtual claims made in the video, with 36 dead roosters found at the scene.

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Townships seek to fill partial appointments

By Gari Voss

The August 2026 primary election holds some unusual races. When reviewing the list of positions that must be filled at the Township level, the count is 14. Voters in the know were anticipating the 57th District Court judge position to which Christopher Burnett had been assigned by Governor Whitmer, but this number of township positions was more than anyone imagined.

A number of positions show no candidates running as of April 20, 2026. Allegan County Clerk Bob Geneski felt that there would be more Affidavits filed by 4pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, but there is no guarantee.

Taking a look at the openings:

Cheshire Township – supervisor and treasurer

Clyde Township – possibly 1 trustee

Dorr Township – treasurer, trustee, two parks commissioners

Heath Township – treasurer

Manlius Township – treasurer

Martin Township – treasurer

Otsego Township - supervisor, trustee

Trowbridge Township – clerk

Valley Township – supervisor, trustee

Wayland – clerk

One inquiry was made to retired Allegan County Clerk Joyce Watts if this was normal. She could not remember a ballot that contained this number of “partial” positions. What would be typical is zero or at the most one partial position that would appear on the August Primary ballot and decided on the November ballot.

A question that was asked is “Why so many”?

Each person’s decision carried a reason and/or story. Though they do not have to disclose a reason when submitting a resignation to their township board, Clerk Genetski was able to identify a few reasons. The Manlius treasurer moved out of the township. The Wayland Township clerk resigned six or seven months into the new term for what may have been family reasons. In Valley Township supervisor passed shortly after winning the election in November 2024. The Cheshire Township treasurer felt he would like to have time for fun and vacations without responsibilities and deadlines. The Heath Township treasurer is retiring after the deadline for Affidavits to be filed, so that position will not be on the ballot. Serving in these positions takes time and responsibility and often a

demanding uphill learning curve then constant “education” to stay current with new laws in Lansing. There are responsibilities to all residents of the township, not just the noisy wheels or favorites; responsibility to work as a collaborative team and guide the board of trustees and residents through the law even when the solution to a problem may be unpopular with a small group that has been used to breaking an ordinance; responsibility to numerous other county and state agencies; responsibility to continually educate oneself to the changes in laws and regulations that impact local ordinances; and the list goes on.

Another aspect related to people stepping away from grassroots politics may be the expectations of the residents. That is, people living in a township who have certain

demands of their public officials. These are often people who do not run for office but come to meetings expressing their ideologies and/or their dislikes for the decisions made by the township boards or for board members themselves. Often, these people have voices, but they are not willing to give of their time to run for a position and serve on a township board, or even offer to serve on a committee to make life in the township better for everyone.

The life of a township “servant” is not just accepting the most votes in an election. Taking a leadership position, even at the grassroots level, is not a walk in the park.

“Throw on the fact that Lansing never really understands the ‘part-time’ nature of elected officials in a rural township when they pass laws,” explained

Clerk Genetski. “We get a lot of ‘top down’ legislation which puts a lot more responsibility on Board members for the same amount of pay. And I don’t blame anyone for deciding to step away.”

So, step away, they have. Thus, when the primary ballot comes around, there may be holes. Maybe, one of the saddest holes will be a lack of Independents and Democrats running for open partial positions. Maybe the hole will be only one candidate vying for a position. When all Affidavits are filed, there may be more than one candidate for each of the partial positions, or the primary may just have Republican candidates competing against other Republican candidates.

The bottom line for the election of 2026 is that townships have key partial positions to be filled.

A peaceful space for powerful work: Red Horse Center

By Art Nicholas

Tucked onto a 20-acre farm in Fennville, the owners of Red Horse Center have spent two decades doing some of the most unconventional — and impactful — mental health and personal development work in Allegan County. With horses as partners and the land as a therapeutic setting, Executive Director Fred Bueltmann describes it simply: “a peaceful space for powerful work.” This May, they’re opening the gates wide.

How It All Began

Bueltmann spent more than two decades as a central figure in Michigan’s craft beer industry — a managing partner at New Holland Brewing and first VP of marketing at Bell’s Brewing — before retiring in 2020 to grow Red Horse into a full nonprofit. Alongside that career, he and his wife Ulla Frederiksen, a psychologist, had been quietly building their equine-assisted practice since getting certified as facilitators in 2002.

“When we came to Michigan, we bought a house that came with a horse,” Bueltmann recalled. “We quickly investigated — does anybody combine these things (psychology and equine)?”

The nonprofit now serves adolescents and adults across three lanes: mental health services, personal wellness, and professional development. Clients range from individuals in therapy to workplace teams on retreats. Monthly “herd meditations” are open to the public — no horse experience required, no specific outcome expected. “Some people have big epiphanies,” Bueltmann said. “Some say, ‘I come here because it resets me.’ And that’s enough.” The facilitation team includes Frederiksen, Jenny Atlee — whose background spans human rights and trauma recovery work, social worker Ruth (Teji) Dilley, and Bueltmann, who specializes in professional development and company culture. All four are certified in equine-assisted facilitation.

At the heart of it all is a belief that the horses are active participants, not props. Their innate



sensitivity and wordless communication create openings for insight that a traditional office setting rarely can. “There are things that happen because of their generosity and capacity that we as humans simply aren’t capable of,” Bueltmann said.

A Month of Mental Health — and a Milestone

For the fifth consecutive year, Red Horse has been selected to join the national Horses for Mental Health Campaign — a distinction reserved for nonprofits that meet high standards in both client and equine welfare. The campaign, backed by founding sponsor Zoetis and partners including the American Psychological Association’s Section on Human-Animal Interaction, connects over 200 nonprofits worldwide and runs throughout May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout the month, a team of volunteer Fundraising Ambassador Buddies — FABs — raise funds through their personal networks, with all proceeds staying local

to support Red Horse programs. “When we work together to amplify messages of support and encouragement, we reduce stigma and barriers to care,” Bueltmann said.

Last year’s campaign delivered a stunning result. “We were looking to raise \$25,000,” Bueltmann said. “We ended up raising \$628,000.” That community generosity made possible the acquisition of a neighboring property, now lovingly named Juniper’s Retreat House — after Juniper, the 30-year-old matriarch of the Red Horse herd, known as “Big Medicine.” The fully furnished overnight retreat space allows guests to stay on the farm and fully immerse themselves in the experience. “Even more powerful than the money,” Bueltmann reflected, “is the feeling of shared vision — the message that what we’re doing matters to our community.”

The Porch Party: May 16

The annual Porch Party Fundraiser takes place Saturday, May 16, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Red

Horse farm in Fennville. Admission is free and open to all, and the event will also serve as the public debut of Juniper’s Retreat House.

The evening features a silent auction, raffle prizes from local businesses, and a gallery show inside Juniper’s House with artwork from the Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club available for purchase. The raffle grand prize is a full-day group retreat for eight with over-

night lodging and meals, valued at \$3,500. Tickets are \$5 each, sold in person throughout the night.

Live music kicks off at 3:30 pm with the Red Horse Ramblers, including sets from Mat Daly and Hannah Laine, followed by Great Lakes Brass — the New Orleans-inspired band founded by Bueltmann — who will lead a Fire Horse Second Line. Farmhouse Deli will serve food alongside local pours from Fenn Valley Vineyard, Cranes Cider, Modales Winery, Rusty Rocket Brewery, Noble Twist Brewery, and St. George Sodas.

Leading up to the party, Noble Twist Taphouse in Saugatuck will host a Give Back On Tap on May 13, donating proceeds to Red Horse. That same day, the West Michigan Lakeshore

Chamber of Commerce’s Community Impact Day sends volunteers to the farm for setup and landscaping.

RSVP in advance at www.redhorse.red/porch before 8:00 p.m. on May 15 for a chance to win \$100 in Red Horse Bucks. Sponsors, auction donors, artists, and volunteers are also welcome — details at www.redhorse.red/events. The HMM Campaign page is at www.redhorse.red/hmh.

As for what comes after a \$628,000 year? Bueltmann isn’t chasing the number. “It’s reminded us to be open to the limitless power of community,” he said. “We can envision endless possibilities made possible by the generosity of our supporters.”

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HUGE WEEKEND OF EVENTS!

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026: Safe Harbor Lifeline Gala. Registration is closed but donations can be made by visiting www.safeharborcac.org/events.
Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 4-7pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser. Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 7pm: Owen McDaniel. The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 8-10am: Mist Netting or Bird Program. Silver Creek County Park Hamilton
Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 9am: Spring Seedling Sale. Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan
Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 7am-10pm: Another Mother Grand Opening. Another Mother 211 Locust St. Allegan
Sun., Apr. 26, 2026, 1pm: Bargo Card Game. The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Apr. 22, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play Café – Caregivers can Drop in and enjoy a beverage while the little ones create in the children’s area.
6pm: Plant & Puzzle Swap – Drop in and bring indoor and outdoor perennials or puzzles to swap.

Wed., Apr. 22, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026, 9am-4pm: Community Blood Pressure Screening
Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan
Wings of Hope will host a Blood Pressure Clinic. All are welcome.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – Kids 3-5 can drop in for stories and activities.
4pm: Teen Advisory Group – Grades 8-12 can drop in and help plan future teen activities and enjoy snacks.
6pm: History with Mark – Register at 269 673-4625 to spend an evening with Mark Lovett exploring Benjamin Pritchard and Jefferson Davis on May 10, 1865.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026, 6pm: 18th Annual Lifeline Gala
The Silo 1071 32nd St. Allegan
Join Safe Harbor in an evening of extraordinary raffles, cocktails and cuisine, and Buttons for Bravery auction. Purchase tickets on the alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 4-7pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Come and support the Congregational kitchen by enjoy a great meal.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 6pm: Family Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register at 269 673-4625 to battle family members and friends. A water break will be provided.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 7pm: Owen McDaniel
The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members and guests can enjoy a wonderful breakfast. New members are welcome. Speak with a member or ring the doorbell and we will answer your questions.

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 8-10am: Mist Netting or Bird Program
Silver Creek County Park Hamilton
All ages can help retrieve birds from nets, band birds, record vital information, and release birds back to the wild. Register through the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC).

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 9am: Spring Seedling Sale
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 7am-10pm: Another Mother Grand Opening
Another Mother 211 Locust St. Allegan
The new craft cocktail lounge and restaurant feature small plates and “noodz” boasting thoughtful flavors. Bar hours: 7am-11pm; Brunch hours: 7am-2pm; Dinner hours: 4pm-10pm.

Sun., Apr. 26, 2026, 1pm: Bargo Card Game
The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members and guests can enjoy a wonderful breakfast. New members are welcome. Speak with a member or ring the doorbell and we will answer your questions.

Mon., Apr. 27, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga – All ages can join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm: Bingo – All ages can take a chance to win prizes.

Tues., Apr. 28, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can drop in for stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting – all are welcome to gather and plan activities that support the library.

Apr. 29 – May 3, 2026: Vote for favorite Photos
Everyone can go online to vote for favorite photos submitted to the Allegan County Photo Contest.

Wed., Apr. 29, 2026, 11am-12:45pm: Ways to reduce taxes
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register for a free workshop on Retirement Roadblocks – how to potentially reduce taxes. Questions: call 616 636-1673.

Wed., Apr. 29, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café

Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Thurs., Apr. 30, 2026, 12-2pm: Job Fair
Wayland High School 870 E. Superior, Wayland
Students from all over Allegan County are welcome to speak with potential employers.

Thurs., Apr. 30: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can drop in for stories and fun.
3:30pm: Teen Trivia Time – Grades 6-12 can drop in to test their knowledge on Pop Culture

Fri., May 1- Sun. 3, 2026: Spring Weekend Camp
Camp Kidwell 1st St. Bloomingdale
Ages can take time to relax and have fun. Register at <https://www.campkidwell.org/>.

Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2, 2026, 10am-4pm: The Old Jail Museum
The Old Jail Museum Walnut Street Allegan
The Museum will be open Friday and Saturday during the summer months. All are welcome to come and explore Allegan County’s past.

Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2, 2026, 7pm: Kids vs Adults
Sun. May 3, 2pm: Kids vs Adults
Allegan Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy a round of One Act plays by the Allegan Community Players during the 12th Annual One Acts Festival.

Sat., May 2, 2026, 4pm: Tammy’s Retirement Party
Eagles 2315 Chestnut St. Allegan
The public is invited to join Tammy’s celebration.

Fri., May 8, 2026, 6-8:30pm: Spring Wine Tasting
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40 S.) Allegan
Purchase a ticket and enjoy wines and pairings. Get tickets at www.silobanquet.com or call 269 686-8383.

Fri., May 8 & Sat., May 9, 2026, 10am-4pm: The Old Jail Museum
The Old Jail Museum Walnut Street Allegan
The Museum will be open Friday and Saturday during the summer months. All are welcome to come and explore Allegan County’s past.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

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Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
All ages and levels of expertise are welcome. Create a piece for yourself, for a friend or for a charity. Contact Claudia at acrasmussen5@gmail.com or (269) 673-4579 for more information.

Rivertown Fitness for All Ages and Families
Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Check on the Core and More class. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.
Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com

Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.): Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, eckeen1112@gmail.com

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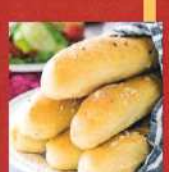
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Virtue farm closes, brand remains

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

Greg Hall has sold his 48-acre Virtue Cider Farm in Fennville again. This time it appears for good. Hall, who worked 20 years as brewmaster for his father John Hall’s Chicago-based Goose Island Beer Co., during the first decade of the century immersed himself in European cider culture, soaking up traditional techniques from some of England and France’s top cider craftsmen. So when giant Anheuser Busch bought Goose Island in 2011, Greg Hall spent much of the windfall pursuing his dream to acquire lush Fenn Valley land to create craft cider from homegrown and nearby apple orchards. He set down roots to create

a working farm serving European-inspired ciders made with Michigan apples, indoor and outdoor serving areas, live music nights, celebrations, festivals. The Commercial Record visited often to partake in photography, sometimes more. Soon the overhead caught up with Hall, he ceased local advertising and in 2015 sold his 51-percent stake in the Virtue brand to Anheuser Busch, still the mothership. By 2017 AB InBev owned the whole shebang. But Virtue, unlike many craft beer ventures, was not yet swallowed up. Hall in 2023 pulled off a second act, quietly reacquiring Virtue from the St. Louis-based brewing giant. “Moving forward,” he then told the Beer Street Journal, “we’ll continue to focus on what we’ve always done.” He announced a full distribution overhaul, farmhouse tasting room renovation, a new menu direction and guest chef dinners, local artist collaborations and a reinvigorated direct-to-drink-



er subscription service delivering sustainable sips nationwide, he told both the CR and ABJ. It was not to be. On April 14, Hall sent a direct message to his mailing list confirming the farm have been sold and will not reopen

in 2026. The on-site cider shop is closed and Cider Society cooked as well. The brand though lives. Virtue will continue through distribution by M4 in Michigan and Brew City in Illinois while Hall works to find a new production partner, the Beer Journal said. In his farewell letter Hall thanked investors, apple growers, suppliers, bands, distributors and retailers, closing with a quote from poet John Keats: “A thing of beauty is a joy forever.” So Virtue goes.

Wayland has Peace Church to take a step of faith

By Joseph Schultz

Peace Church, one of the fastest-growing churches in Wayland, has outgrown its leased site on West Superior and is looking for a building that can house its ministry. The church believes it may have found the building it needs at the corner of Reno Drive and 133rd Avenue. At the Tuesday planning meeting, the commissioners reviewed the church’s Special Land Use application for the property. The property is currently in the I-2 zone, and the need for the church to add additional parking spots on the site required them to seek a Special Land Use permit. Township Planner Tricia Anderson explained to the commission that, normally, a special land use application requires a fully engineered site plan. However, the church did not provide one. The church’s spokesperson stated that the church is currently looking at purchasing the property and does not want to spend the money getting an engineered site plan if they will not be permitted to expand the parking lot. They want to know that they will have a special land use permit before they purchase the property and pay for a site

plan. Anderson explained that the ordinance for special land uses requires a site plan be submitted; there is no way to separate the two. Commissioners were concerned that the church would not have enough parking. Some questioned whether the church could add parking to the front of the building, though parking in the front is generally prohibited in industrial zones. However, it was pointed out that the Robinson Dental office, to the north of the site, has parking in the front of its building. The current building also has some parking in the front right now. Peace Church plans to extend that parking lot to the south, and not to the west or the front of the property. Anderson recommended that a favorable recommendation be sent to the city council for the special use permit, pending 14 conditions the church must meet. Those conditions would be met with a fully engineered site plan. Representatives from the church agreed to pay for an engineered site plan to meet those conditions. The planning commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the city council, with those 14

conditions. Outdated Zoning Maps and Ordinances The Planning Commission also took up a rezoning request from Dennis and Cheryl Wilke. The Wilkes own 10 acres of land that straddles the border of the City of Wayland and Wayland Township. It is the Wilkes’ desire to split off the front three acres of their land that is in the City of Wayland. The split-off land will be used to provide housing for their children. The remaining acres in Wayland Township will contain the Wilkes’ current home. When the Wilkes sought guidance to split the property, it was discovered that the land was zoned as an outdated R-A, while all the other properties around it were zoned R-1. A search was made, and the city could not find a mention that the property was updated to R-1 when the city updated the zoning ordinance. This oversight prompted the need for the rezoning request. After some discussion and explanation of the outdated zoning maps, the commissioners voted to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the city council. Editor’s Note: Story is courtesy of TownBroadcast

WUS receives awards and grants

By Joseph Schultz

The Leaders in Our Community (LOC) program at Wayland Union Schools received an Education Excellence Award from the SET SEG Foundation and the Michigan Association of School Boards. As one of only 12 school districts recognized across the state, the district was honored for the LOC program’s ability to “change lives and impact students’ future.” The award comes with a trophy, a check for \$2,500, and an Education Excellence Award road sign. School board member Becky Hornke noted that the LOC club has expanded over the years and that the program is “a great representation of our schools and our community.” Outstanding People for Education Award It was also announced that Wayland Union had 91 staff members nominated for the Outstanding People for Education Award. The award recognizes individuals in Allegan County who

are going above and beyond to serve the students in our public schools. Among the nominees, three were selected to receive the award: high school Athletic Administrative Assistant Autumn Bonte, high school Intervention Specialist Erin Koopman, and bus driver Steve Wright. They will receive their awards at a banquet next month. Manufacturing and Engineering Education Re-imagined for All (MEERA) Curriculum Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Teresa Fulk informed the board that the district has received a 61B grant, which will fund the implementation of the Manufacturing and Engineering Education Re-imagined for All (MEERA) curriculum. The MEERA program will be geared toward middle school students and will introduce them to 3D printing, CNC work, electrical circuits, robotics, coding, and welding. It will start as a pilot program

next year. Fulk said that they were “elated” to be able to bring this program to the middle school students. School Board Actions The Wayland School Board voted to approve the purchase of iPads and Chromebooks for classroom use. A new Digital Design and Technology course for high school students was also approved for the 2026-27 school year. Additionally, the board approved a motion to sell surplus property during the Wayland Citywide Garage Sales in June. A Public Comment of Gratitude High school freshman Peyton Mathis addressed the board to express her gratitude for Fulk and her involvement with the Anne Frank Exhibit. “Miss Fulk, you are making a positive difference that we need here at Wayland,” Mathis stated. “Everything that you do does not go unnoticed, especially by me.” Editor’s Note: This story courtesy of TownBroadcast



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Owners, breeders and raisers of beautiful alpaca took time during Alpaca Fest 2026 to chat with visitors who wanted to learn more about these fluffy animals. Many were able to feel the soft fiber and learn how the fleece was harvested and turned into yarn. Photo: G. Voss

Alpaca Fest headlined weekend full of events

By Gari Voss

Saturday, April 18, 2026, brought some chilly temperatures back to Southwest Michigan, while the area was warming up with signs of spring activities and glimpses of summer. For those thinking of spring and creating a new look for summer, there was the Art in the Garden at the Silo on M-40 South. For lovers of warm and fluffy animals, a visit to the Allegan County Fairgrounds gave an opportunity to view and touch alpaca plus purchase delightful alpaca items during Alpaca Fest. Families looking at possibilities for summer activities, the Griswold Auditorium’s downstairs held summer events and camp information. Then there was the Downtown Allegan Clean Up Day sponsored by the Sassy Olive and the Honor Credit Union. The challenge was to take time to enjoy each event.



Judges carefully felt the fleece of alpaca during the numerous shows. Each animal’s fleece was assessed for attributes such as fineness (micron), structure, density, fleece organization or uniformity, color, brightness, and impurities. Alpaca Fest on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, at the Allegan Fairgrounds delight young and not as young as they admired the animals and the items created from their fleece. Photo: G. Voss



Art in the Garden on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, gave artists and artisans an opportunity to share their creations with shoppers and visitors. The event held surprises for all ages while promoting conversations on techniques used in the many items available for sale. Photo: G. Voss



In the Kids’ Corner during Art in the Garden, Joel Berranen puts finishing touches on a succulent planter which was just one of many arts activities offered. In the soft hall, Jack Armintrout works on his wall creation while sister Blaire takes a bit of a break. These activities made browsing and shopping much easier for caregivers. Photos: G. Voss



Just one of the many artists at Art in the Garden, Renae Baumgart of Renae’s Rip Studio shared her wonderful mosaics created with small bits of antique wallpaper. Each picture is created with hundreds to thousands of ripped fragments arranged to form intricate pictures. Photo: G. Voss



Children and their parents were able to stop at the tables during the Summer Activities Fair on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, downstairs at the Griswold Auditorium. Looking to summer and the infamous words “I’m bored”, parents and caregivers were able to investigate summer camps, theater activities, the scouting programs, Allegan District Library events, and even the Old Jail Museum for ideas on summer fun. Photo: G. Voss



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Wayland Robotics win title at State Championship and advance to World Championship

The Wayland Wildcats Robotics Team 6090 delivered a powerhouse performance at the FIRST in Michigan District Championship, held April 16–18, 2026, at Saginaw Valley State University. Competing on the Consumers Energy Foundation Field, the Wildcats dominated qualification rounds, commanded the playoff bracket, and returned home as Field Champions.

The Wildcats posted an impressive 11–1 record in qualification matches, securing the No. 1 seed and earning the role of Alliance 1 captain. With that top position, Team 6090 selected a familiar and formidable partner: Team 2767 Stryke Force from Kalamazoo. Stryke Force accepted the invitation, forming a high-powered duo. To complete the alliance, the Wildcats chose Team 2586 The Copper Bots from Calumet, a team known for consistent playoff strength.

The trio proved unstoppable in the Consumers Energy Foundation Division.

Wayland’s alliance swept through the playoff rounds with a perfect 5–0 record, capturing the Consumers Energy Foundation Division Championship and securing the coveted FIRST in Michigan District Title for their field.

A key part of the Wildcats’ success was the skill and composure of their play-off drive team. The group included Drive Coach Jack Lyons (senior), Lead Driver Zak Evans (senior), Driver Abree VanDenBrink (sophomore), and Human Player Jackson Kositzky (freshman). Their coordination, quick decision-making, and on-field awareness played a crucial role in the team’s dominant run. The program is led by Head Coach Dave Merice, whose guidance has helped shape the Wildcats into one of Michigan’s rising robotics powerhouses.

Beyond their on-field success, the Wildcats also earned recognition for their technical excellence. Wayland took home the Autonomous Award sponsored by Google.org, celebrating their precision, reliability, and innovation during the autonomous period of each match.

Team 6090’s season statistics underscore their competitive dominance. The Wildcats posted an Offensive Power Rating (OPR) of 133.60, a Defensive Power Rating (DPR) of 108.47, and a Calculated Contribution to Winning Margin (CCWM) of 25.13—numbers that place them among the elite performers in the state.

With their state championship Final Four showing, the Wayland Wildcats have earned their ticket to the 2026 FIRST World Championship, where they will compete in Houston, Texas, from April 29 to May 2, 2026.



Wayland Robotics Team 6090, shown here with their championship trophy, won the FIRST in Michigan State Championship and advanced to the 2026 FIRST World Championship in Houston, Texas.

Leighton adopts ordinance placing 12 month moratorium on data centers

By David Young

The Leighton Township Board indeed is cutting off at the pass any controversy involving data centers. The board Thursday night unanimously agreed to adopt an ordinance establishing a 12-month moratorium on the issue after examining what has happened to nearby municipalities.

Supervisor Steve Wolbrink said, “We’ve been watching our neighbors (Dorr and Gaines townships) and we’ve been advised to implement a moratorium.”

Clerk Rachel Fennema said, “We need to pass this now to give our Planning Commission time to work on it. After a year, we should have our ducks in a row.”

Trustee John Hooker said, “(Township Planner) Andy (Moore) said that we could have something in place by this fall.”

The controversy surrounding the Microsoft Corporation’s proposed data centers has been close to home over the last several months, culminating in Dorr deciding on a one-year moratorium in the face of fierce opposition of

the public.

Many residents have shown up at public meetings to tell board members not to give in to Microsoft’s plans to establish such centers because they use a huge amount of water and threaten the environment.

zoned precisely for the use the company seeks. So if it was denied at this time, the corporation could

take Dorr to court, where it is more than likely Dorr Township would lose have to pay the courts.

No data center proposals have been made as yet to Leighton, but if there are in the future, the idea is to make the local municipality ready.

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Kids vs Adults requires public judication

Faces in the Crowd

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players returns Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3, 2026, with the 12 Annual One Acts Festival: Kids vs Adults at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. Friday and Saturday will offer a 7pm show while Sunday will feature a 2pm matinee. Each show will pit one-act plays starring young actors against one acts starring adults. The competition is all for fun, but there are real undertones of the desire to out-perform the other with consequences built in.

In the past, the audience has been asked to vote for their favorite one act play each evening. This year, there is a special twist. The first act will feature four of the plays. The first two will be the same for each performance. The third and fourth plays will be a kids vs adult competition. During intermission, the audience will have an opportunity to vote for the third or fourth production of their choice. While the audience is enjoying the second act that includes the other four one acts, audience votes will be counted, and the winner announced in the middle of Act 2.

There will be three opportunities to enjoy this wonderful production. *Barnaby Bulldog and the Kittens* and *College Hunk Movers* will not compete, and will begin each

performance, the third through eighth plays will change to allow for different pairings for which to vote. Thus, the audience will be extremely important in determining if the kids or adults give the best performances.

Friday evening's competitors will be *Alien Nation* vs *Moving Back* with the loser performing a live Facebook post about how great the other play was. Saturday evening *oRANGE* will vie against *Priceless* with the loser eating a baby food cocktail made by the winning team. During the Sunday matinee, *Who's the Dummy Now?* will go against *We're Toast* with the loser getting a pie in the face.

To prepare for their part in this production, audience members can review the plays written by area playwrights and directed by local residents.

Barnaby Bulldog and the Kittens was written by Don Grant and directed by Caia Rhude. The audience will be introduced to a clumsy bulldog who is searching for water and along the way meets some new friends. The production allows some of the youngest actors to take the stage. The actors include Matt Decker as the narrator, Lacey Morton as Francine Feline, John Morton as Barnaby Bulldog, Cecelia Troub as Sophia Kitten, Emelia Cossairt as Blueberry Kitten, and Lorelei Decker as Star Kitten. The play was written

specifically for the young stars who were able to choose their own names.

College Hunk Movers is written by Les Abromovitz and directed by Whitney Ehresman. A woman hires College Hunks Movers only to find that they are definitely not in college, and they are far from hunks. The stars are Autumn White as Connie and Mike Leonard as Frank.

Alien Nation was written by Marilyn Zerlak and directed by Izaak Schans. Three classmates meet their substitute teacher, Mr. Evilton, and he teaches them a lesson about believing everything you hear while questioning what you learn. It stars Izaak Schans as Mr. Evilton, Brooklyn Morton as Tammy, Eleanor Hoffmeister as Molly, and William Whitaker as Jimmy.

Moving Back, written by Linda LaRocque, is directed by Whitney Ehresman. The story stars Jane Holewa as Mom, Amethyst Landsberg as Belle, and Lindsay Kruse as Laverne and follows two sisters who are visiting their Ma to discuss moving back home, but Ma has a warning for them that may change their minds.

oRANGE, written by Erin Osgood is directed by Anna Cossairt. As the story unfolds, four kids learn to put aside differences and use their strengths when building friendships. The cast includes Edith Hoffmeister as One, Theia Rhude as Two, Celia Grant as Three, and Caia Rhude as Four.

Priceless, written by Samara Siskind and directed by Michael Troub, reunites two long lost friends who have fallen out of contact, but never fell out of each other's thoughts. Stars Mason Haas as Jonas and Matilda Allen as Samantha.

We're Toast is written and directed by Don Grant. Wyatt Tussey as The Captain, Jay Joynes as The Scientist, and Donald Grant as The Soldier are a crew of time travelers who crash in the distant past of 2026 and must find their way back home using the primitive technology of the time period.

Who's the Dummy Now? is written by Nora Kunetz and Spike Kunetz and directed by Mason Haas and Matilda Allen. The play stars Mollie DeMann as Nora, Darby DeMann as Miss Bangles, Kyrstin Herren as Humphrey, and Celia Grant as Avery. Two ventriloquists and their dummies determine who is the better ventriloquist and who is the real dummy.

Come early and enjoy refreshments in the Marilla Lounge. The Griswold Auditorium doors open 30 minutes before the curtain rises. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at alleganplayers.ludus.com.

By G C Stoppel

The Artemis II space shot took astronauts further in space than ever before and gave the world a peak at the dark side of the moon. It launched and returned safely, which was a technological marvel. Your thoughts:

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "Yeah, well, I watched it go up and come down, and I'm glad they did it, but that had to cost a lot of money. The government has got money for this and that war, but not to take care of people. There's something wrong here."

-Friend with him: "I sort of agree. But what's the big picture? It's not like we'll ever have a sustainable colony on the moon or anything like that. A big waste."

-Woman near the Fennville grocery store: "I watched the launch, but when I heard what could have gone wrong, you know, like the Columbia one, I couldn't watch it come back in case.... Just glad they made it back in one piece."

-Young boy and mother near the Allegan Public Library: "Wow! That was great. I am going to be an astronaut when I grow up and go to the moon and to Mars and...." Mother laughs: "You still have to be home for dinner." Boy: "I know and go to bed on time." Pouts.

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "I didn't pay it much attention. It's nice and all of that, but it's just one more thing that Trump gets to use to avoid the Epstein files. He needs to own up on that."

-Man, same location: "You wouldn't get me to go nowhere on a big firecracker like those rockets. That's just tempting fate, if you ask me."

-Woman, same location, "Well, I'm glad we did it. But outside of some national bragging rights, I can't see where it did the country any good. It seems to me that we have enough to take care of here at home without going for a moon shot, too."

-Man near Allegan City Hall: "I don't know what to think. They keep talking about setting up a moon base so they can go farther into space. I don't see that happening in my lifetime, and I don't think it will ever happen."

-Woman with him: "And then they say that we might have to leave earth because of one thing or another. But just going to the moon isn't going to do much. I don't know, I think there is something fishy about this."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: "Well, if they are so smart to have cured Covid by using their big computers, like they said they did, then they can use them to figure out space."

-Boy near Minnie's: Raises his first in triumph, "To infinity and beyond!" Older woman explained: "It's from Buzz Lightfoot. You know, the guy in Toy Story."

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avoid significant damage across the city.”

Plainwell saw more direct impacts in some areas, particularly on the north side of the city.

“Unfortunately, the storm caused a great deal of damage to homes on the north side of Plainwell,” Plainwell City Manager Justin Lakamper said. “We are seeing a large number of downed trees, several of which fell on people’s homes, sheds, decks and fences causing significant damage.”

He said the change in some areas was striking.

“Visually, the number of trees that are gone is stunning,” Lakamper said. “There are areas that previously were heavily wooded that no longer are.”

Among the hardest-hit areas were neighborhoods along Miller Road and sections of 6th, 9th and 10th streets, where uprooted trees and debris left properties significantly altered.

North of Plainwell along 106th Avenue, the storm caused major damage to structures, including a business that lost its roof and a nearby farm where a newly built barn was torn from its foundation and scattered hundreds of

yards away.

Debris from those sites was blown onto U.S. 131, forcing an overnight closure.

In Otsego, crews worked to clear large tree debris from residential streets including Oak and Morrell streets, while a clinic along M-89 sustained damage from falling trees.

Response began almost immediately

As the storm moved through just before midnight, emergency crews in both communities were already responding.

“When it hit, around midnight Tuesday night, our fire department started responding to calls for downed wires, and shortly after that came calls for trees blocking the roads, which brought our DPW in,” Mitchell said.

The power outages also triggered automatic responses from other city departments.

“When the power went out, it triggered automatic call-ins to our water and wastewater employees,” Mitchell said. “They came in around midnight and worked through the entire morning and eventually left in the mid-afternoon of Wednesday. Pretty incredible example of public service.”

In Plainwell, Lakamper said crews were out immediately.

“Literally within minutes of the storm passing, both our department of public works and public safety staff were out securing downed powerlines, directing traffic and clearing roads of debris,” he said. “Everyone worked through the night into the morning hours to make sure everyone was safe until we could fully assess the damage in daylight.”

Power outages, coordination efforts follow

At the height of the storm, more than 12,500 customers in Allegan County were without power.

Consumers Energy deployed crews throughout the area, restoring power to nearly all affected customers by Thursday, April 16.

“Consumers Energy has done a great job of restoring power to the community,” Lakamper said. “There were snapped power poles and downed lines all over the place, which they were immediately working on repairing.”

In Otsego, coordinating with utility crews added another layer to the response.

“Our fire department had to coordinate with

Consumers as they were activating powerlines,” Mitchell said. “They had to confirm the status of each line at more than 50 locations. Not an easy task in the middle of a tornado cleanup.”

The storm also led to school closures for Otsego Public Schools and Plainwell Community Schools on Wednesday, April 15, with Plainwell also closed Thursday.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer later declared a state of emergency for Allegan County to assist with recovery efforts.

Cleanup efforts ongoing

While major roadways have since reopened, cleanup efforts continue, particularly for public works crews handling debris removal.

“The most ongoing work will be the DPW,” Mitchell said. “They will be dealing with this storm for weeks.”

He said crews are focusing on clearing damaged trees from city-owned properties, including parks and areas near the Kalamazoo River.

“We have directed residents to begin pulling their brush out to the curb, and we will be going around town as soon as we can

to start collecting that,” Mitchell said.

In Plainwell, early efforts focused on clearing roads before shifting to residential areas.

“Our DPW worked through the night clearing trees from the roads in the city and township,” Lakamper said. “Public safety assisted with closing down 131, shutting down streets for utility crews and responding to calls.”

Additional debris pickup is expected to continue in the coming days.

Community response stands out

While the damage was significant, both city managers pointed to the response from residents as a bright spot.

“People have been out all day working with each other to pick up,” Lakamper said. “It is amazing to see how much work has been accomplished in such a short period of time. There is a real sense of resilience and desire to build back that which was lost.”

Mitchell said the storm has also brought attention to the challenges some residents now face.

“It just breaks my heart knowing how much some of these trees mean to our property owners,” he said. “And I understand how

much it costs to have a tree cut up and removed. Many did not budget for that.”

At the same time, he said many have stepped up to help.

“There have been multiple individuals asking how they can help those who need help,” Mitchell said. “We’ve encouraged people to connect through community pages to coordinate those efforts.”

Recovery continues

Local organizations have also stepped in to support recovery efforts, including the Allegan County Community Foundation and Heart of West Michigan United Way, which have launched relief funds for affected residents.

Officials continue to encourage residents to report property damage as recovery efforts move forward.

More than a week after the storm, both communities continue to work through cleanup and recovery efforts—and while the process will take time, the response has already made an impact.

“By the end of Wednesday (April 15), many of the immediate issues had been resolved and plans were in place moving forward,” Mitchell said. “It was an incredible example of public service and community working together.”

County responds to weather incidents

By Gari Voss

The storms that roared their way through southern sections of Allegan County brought strong winds and tornadoes that treated trees like wooden matchsticks. Homes and businesses donned limbs and trunks, and the Plainwell and Otsego area turned into a blackhole at midnight. Luckily, announcements via phone, television, and area signals, moved residents to lower levels or other safer places, and no serious injuries were announced.

On the heels of the storm, anyone approaching Plainwell via US131 discovered that locating the exit was difficult with the rain pelting the windshield and no streetlights. Venturing west along M89 was eerie with drivers guessing who would stop and go at unlit intersections.

Once off the freeway and venturing west of Otsego, drivers found that M89 was closed with an electrical wire across the road, and other thoroughfares were closed by trees and branches.

When the light of morning came, people of Otsego and Plainwell emerged to witness the results of two tornadoes. Men, women, youth rolled up their sleeves and began the work at hand while Consumers Energy teams located and corrected the outages.

Allegan County Cares

Stephanie Calhoun, executive director of Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) and Becki Postma Chief Impact Officer of the Heart of West Michigan United Way began exploring

ways that the organizations could assist the response efforts.

By Wednesday afternoon, the announcement came that the two organizations had activated the Allegan County Cares funds that could provide immediate financial assistance to nonprofits and local government agencies that give support to communities. This meant that residents and businesses could contact these assistance organizations to request help with repairs and other needs.

Anyone requiring assistance is urged to contact the Heart of West Michigan United Way through 2-1-1 or the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS, local law enforcement, nonprofits, school districts that are directly involved in response and support, and grassroot organizations and nonprofits offering response and support in emergencies.

Allegan County Emergency Management

At this time, Emergency Management’s attention is heavily focused on damage assessment. Field assessments are being conducted by Emergency Management, County Equalization, and Allegan County Search and Rescue. The assessments provide a county-wide summary of damage, which is submitted to the Governor for consideration of a state-level declaration of emergency or disaster under Section 12 of Public Act 390 of 1976 and for a request for assistance grants under Section 19.

Residents sustaining damage should take time to report the damage using

the storm damage self-assessment tool at <http://www.allegancounty.org/emergency>.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer added Allegan County areas to her State of Emergencies list. The declaration, slated to run no later than May 13th, activates available state resources to assist local authorities in response and recovery operations, and is a first step towards possible federal assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) if the damage warrants. In addition, local governments can also petition Lansing for compensation in covering emergency response costs and repair damaged public infrastructure.

Currently, Emergency Management is unaware of any financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for individual property damage experienced by residents or businesses within Allegan County resulting from the April 14 weather incident. Individuals or businesses that experienced property damage should contact their insurance carrier for direction.

“We will continue to coordinate with local, state, and federal partners to assess needs and provide support,” Emergency Management Coordinator Sarah Clark stated. “Our top priority is the safety and well-being of all Allegan County residents.”

For updates, please follow Allegan County Emergency Management on social media and visit <http://www.allegancounty.org/emergency>.

Enter Team Rubicon Volunteers

While it is not known what support FEMA will give, Team Rubicon, a national nonprofit disaster relief organization, will be deploying volunteer chainsaw crews to assist residents in the storm-impacted communities following the tornado that struck portions of Allegan County on April 14, 2026. Communities receiving support include Otsego Township, the City of Otsego, the City of Plainwell, Gun Plain Township, and Cheshire Township.

Team Rubicon’s mission focuses on chainsaw operations. Its volunteers will cut and section downed trees and debris but are not able to haul or remove debris from properties. Team members can be extremely helpful in taking first steps in the recovery efforts.

These teams unite the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders to rapidly deploy disaster response teams. Since 2010, Team Rubicon has mobilized tens of thousands of volunteers to assist communities recovering from natural disasters across the United States and around the world.

Receiving assistance begins with completing a self-reporting damage assessment tool found at www.allegancounty.org/emergency or the Allegan County Facebook page. Or call 211 to request chainsaw assistance.

Chainsaw operations will begin on Monday, April 20 at noon and concluded Friday, April 24, 2026, at 4pm.

CITY OF FENVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Fennville shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

1. Request by the City Planner to amend the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance to move Short-Term Rental regulations from Article 14, Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses to Article 5, General Provisions, to correct references affected by the change, and to change the parking requirement for short-term rentals from two spaces per bedroom to one space per bedroom.
2. Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the City Commissioner at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408 or by calling City Hall at (269) 561-8321. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

KATIE BEEMER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
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ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

constructed, installed, or expanded within the Township so long as the Ordinance is in effect.

Section 5. No Licenses, Permits or Approvals.

This Section provides that neither the Township or its agents shall process any application or issue or grant any zoning approval, zoning permit, rezoning license, building permit, or other Township licenses or approval for the commencement, installation, expansion or use of any data center so long as the Ordinance is in effect.

Section 6. Essential Action.

This Section provides that the moratorium is essential and necessary while the Leighton Township Planning Commission and the Leighton Township Board diligently work on proposed amendments to the current Leighton Township Zoning Ordinance (and perhaps enacting other ordinances) regarding data centers.

Section 7. Length of Time in Effect.

This Section specifies that the moratorium shall be in effect until April 24, 2027.

Section 8. Exemptions.

This Section specifies instances where the moratorium shall not apply to certain structures, uses or buildings.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Section states that the Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall take effect the day after the notice of adoption appears in the newspaper.

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A full copy of the new Ordinance may be inspected, obtained, reviewed and/or purchased at the Leighton Township offices at 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, Michigan 49348 during normal business hours (between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; the office is closed on Mondays and Fridays) or by contacting the Leighton Township Clerk at (616) 891-8238. The new Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall become effective on the day after this notice of adoption appears in the newspaper.

Respectively submitted by,
Rachel Fennema
Leighton Township Clerk
(616) 891-8238

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on April 16, 2026, the Township Board for Leighton Township adopted new Ordinance No. 2026-04-16 entitled “An Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium Regarding new or Expanded Data Centers,” which will apply throughout Leighton Township. A summary of new Ordinance No. 2026-04-16 (also referenced as “Ordinance” herein) is as follows:

Section 1. Findings, Intent and Purposes.

This Section discusses the various reasons for the moratorium, including Township Board findings, and the purposes and intent supporting the Ordinance.

Section 2. Definition of Data Center.

This section defines the term “data center” for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Moratorium.

This Section states that a moratorium (as specified in the Ordinance) is enacted for Leighton Township.

Section 4. Temporarily Prohibited Data Center Uses, Structures, Buildings and Activities.

This Section provides that no data center or the expansion therefor shall be approved or commenced,

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Otsego girls earn top honors at Allegan Invite

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Otsego girls track team made a statement Friday, April 17.

Competing in a deep field at the Allegan Invitational, the Bulldogs turned in a strong all-around performance to claim the team title with 128 points. Middleville Thornapple Kellogg followed with 115, while Wayland was third at 75.5 and Saugatuck fourth with 60.

Plainwell placed fifth (55), Allegan eighth (38) and Fennville 13th (6).

“For us to be able to still focus and perform, I think is a very good sign of what we have in store for the rest of our season,” Otsego coach Justin Scott said.

Scott noted the meet came at a telling point in the season—and under less-than-ideal circumstances.

“Since I started coaching here in Otsego, the Allegan Invitational has always been

a track meet where you can learn a lot about your team,” he said. “It is kind of at the midway point of a season and is the first time we get to see how we stack up in a meet with a lot of high-caliber teams.

“Last week was a rough week for our team and our community. A lot of kids were facing power outages and we weren’t able to practice for two days heading into this meet because of the weather.”

That didn’t slow the Bulldogs.

Freshman Alayna Verhage had a breakout performance, winning both the 1,600 (5:22.43) and 3,200 (11:54.47).

“This was a huge night for her, and really, just an incredible performance in what was the first big meet of her high school career,” Scott said. “Whenever you see kids finding success in the distance races, you know that it is the result of an incredible

amount of hard work and dedication.”

Otsego also got a big night in the throws from junior Madden Fitzpatrick, who won the discus (100-9) and finished second in the shot put.

“She doesn’t have tremendous size like a lot of top throwers do, but she is very quick and explosive and works really hard at mastering the specific movements,” Scott said.

Olivia Klimp added another first-place finish in the long jump (16-1), while also placing in both hurdle events and anchoring the 4x400 relay.

“Olivia is a fierce competitor and embraces every possible challenge that comes her way,” Scott said.

The Bulldogs also got key contributions from Skylar Mejeur, who ran on the winning 4x800 relay, helped power the 4x400, and placed second in the 1,600.

As a team, Otsego also claimed the 4x800 relay (10:07.58) and added points across multiple events to secure the title.

Plainwell turned in a solid showing with a fifth-place finish, highlighted by runner-up efforts from Sawyer Lilly in both the shot put (49-11) and discus (147-2). The Trojans also saw strong sprint performances from Hailey Newcomb and Alayna Ranney, along with

a third-place finish in the 4x200 relay.

Saugatuck was led by Alina Martinson, who won the 800 (2:29.61) and ran on the second-place 4x800 relay. Novella DeGraaf added a third-place finish in the 100 hurdles and was third in the pole vault.

Allegan’s top highlight came from Jayden VandenaAkker, who won the 100 hurdles (15.35) and added a second-place finish in the

300 hurdles. Bailee Dilley also had a strong day, finishing second in the pole vault.

Fennville’s top finish came from Macy Samp, who placed sixth in the 200, while also contributing in multiple sprint events.

Wayland got a win from Evie Mathis in the pole vault (12-0) and strong performances across the sprint relays.

Trojans throw no-hitter against Hopkins

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

PLAINWELL—Luke Filkins and Brady Howard combined for a no-hitter in the second game of Plainwell’s non-conference doubleheader with Hopkins on Friday, April 17, leading the Trojans to a 5-2 win over the Vikings.

With the victory, Plainwell salvaged a split after Hopkins took the opener 8-5.

Filkins started the nightcap for Plainwell and worked the first two innings, holding the Vikings scoreless and striking out three. Howard pitched the final three frames, allowing two unearned runs on four walks and two strikeouts.

Filkins also contributed at the plate, collecting a bases-loaded double to drive in three runs.

The Trojans set the tone early, scoring three runs in the first inning and adding to the lead in the second and third to stay in control.

In the opener, Hopkins used a steady offensive attack to secure the win, finishing with eight runs on nine hits.

Kellen Ford led the Vikings at the plate with three hits. Trent Smith added two hits and two runs.

Filkins had three hits for Plainwell, with Alex Yonkers and Ronald Nunez each collecting two hits in the loss.

Hopkins first baseman Blake Schwartz holds on Plainwell runner Ronald Nunez. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Otsego’s Alayna Verhage leads the 3,200 at the Allegan Invitational (Photo provided)

Wayland boys track takes first at Allegan Invitational

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

A fast start turned into a fast night for the Wayland boys track team.

The Wildcats put together a strong all-around performance to win the Allegan Invitational on Friday, April 17, finishing with 110 points to outpace a competitive field.

Paw Paw finished second with 94 points, followed by Otsego (85). Among other area teams, Plainwell placed fifth (48), Saugatuck was 10th (28), while Fennville and Allegan tied for 14th (6).

“We were fast,” Wayland coach Marty Howard said. “What an exciting night for our boys. It certainly helped to finally have a nice weather night for the meet. Things started off good for us in the preliminary/semi-final events and it rolled right over into the finals.”

Wayland’s momentum showed early and never really let up.

Henry Maass set the tone by winning the 100 meters in 11.23 seconds, then came back to help the Wildcats to a victory in the 4x200 relay. Jake Reeder added another big performance, winning the 200 meters in 22.21 seconds after hitting a state-qualifying standard earlier in the night.

“To have Henry Maass win the 100 and then follow that right up by winning the 4x200, it gave us momentum going for the rest of the meet,” Howard said. “We knew it was a fast track when Jake Reeder qualified for the state meet.”

Wayland also claimed wins in both the 4x100 (43.67) and 4x400 (3:31.47) relays, while Alex Hubbard added a victory in the 300 hurdles (41.41).

“We were tenths of seconds from setting school records in both the 4x100 and 4x200,” Howard said. “I’m really proud of how all of our kids competed.”

For Wayland, the meet served as both a statement and a springboard.

“Things started off good for us ... and it rolled right over into the finals,” Howard said. “I’m really proud of how all of our kids competed.”

And with the way the Wildcats performed on a fast track and a warm night, it may not be the last time they set the pace this season.

While Wayland set the pace, there were plenty of strong performances from across the country.

Otsego’s Ethan Simpson turned in one of the top field performances of the day, winning the long jump at 20 feet, 5 inches. Teammate Alex Robbins added a first-place finish in the discus (160-1), while Jack Cook claimed the 400-meter title in 50.67 seconds and added a runner-up finish in the 200 (22.40).

Plainwell’s Sawyer Lilly placed second in both the shot put (49-11) and discus (147-2), while Trent Hansen was third in the 400 (52.15) and fourth in the 200 (23.18). Braeden Asbeury added a fourth-place finish in the 400 (52.31) and also contributed in the sprints and relays.

Saugatuck saw strong showings in both sprints and distance events. Gabe Lauer placed third in the 100 (11.44),

while the Trailblazers also had multiple solid finishes in the distance races, including Grant Rehkopf (third in the 800, 2:03.32) and Jackson Bowman (seventh in the 3200, 10:16.50).

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Luke Filkins
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Baseball

Plainwell senior Luke Filkins had quite the day on the diamond on Friday, April 17.

In the second game of a twin bill with Hopkins, Filkins threw the first two innings of a combined no-hitter, striking out three and walking none.

He also had a three-run double in that game to lead the offense.

In game one, he went 3-for-4 at the plate.

Wildcats sweep past West Catholic

Wayland senior Mackenzie Kositzky shows off her home run ball. (Photo provided)

By JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

WAYLAND—The Wayland softball team rode a dominant performance from Madi Ludema in the circle and at the plate to a doubleheader sweep of West Catholic on Monday, April 20.

The Wildcats opened with a 10-0 win before completing the sweep with a 23-4 victory in the nightcap.

In the opener, Wayland took control early, scoring four runs in the first inning and never looking back.

Ludema was in command in the circle, tossing a three-hit shutout over six innings while striking out nine and walking none.

At the plate, Rae Stallard and Ludema each collected two hits, while Stallard drove in three runs to lead the offense. The Wildcats also showed patience at the plate, drawing six walks.

Wayland’s offense erupted in game two, piling up 23 runs on 15 hits.

Ludema led the charge with three hits and four RBIs, including a pair of doubles. Mackenzie Kositzky added a big swing with a three-run home run, while Shelby VanHouten and Kaylee Lown each drove in multiple runs.

The Wildcats broke the game open early, scoring seven runs in the first inning, 10 more in the second and six in the third.

VanHouten earned the win in the circle, allowing four runs (two earned) over three innings while striking out three.

Stallard, Clara Dutkiewicz and VanHouten each added multiple hits in the nightcap, as Wayland continued to take advantage of free bases and apply pressure throughout the lineup.

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Allegan’s catcher holds a pitch for the umpire to see in the first game against South Haven. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Trailblazers upend Allegan, Fennville on track

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Saugatuck opened the SAC portion of the season in strong fashion Wednesday, April 15, sweeping both sides of a league tri-meet hosted by Allegan that also included Fennville.

The Trailblazer boys defeated Fennville 115.5-21.5 and Allegan 111-26, while the girls topped Fennville 111-21 and Allegan 92-43. Fennville’s boys earned a split on the day with a 68-52 win over Allegan, while the Allegan girls defeated Fennville 65-30.

Saugatuck’s boys showcased depth across the board, highlighted by Gabe Lauer, who won the 100-meter dash (11.48) and 200 (23.59) in his first high school meet. Marcus Silva swept the distance races, winning the 1,600 (4:41.94) and 3,200 (10:59.99), while Ashton Skinner took first in both hurdle events.

Grant Rehkopf added another win in the 400 (55.53) as part of a balanced effort across the track.

The Trailblazers also made their mark in the relays, taking first in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x800, while adding field event wins from Ian Conklin (shot put), Max Schulz (discus) and Mason Sisson (high jump).

On the girls side, Alina Martinson led the way with wins in the 100 (13.13), 400 (1:06.78) and 1,600 (5:34.38), while Novella DeGraaf added a win in the long jump and strong runner-up finishes in the hurdles and pole vault in her return from injury.

Saugatuck also found success in the relays, taking first in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800.

“This was an outstanding way to open the season,” Saugatuck coach Angelina Bauer said. “We saw strong performances across the board, great competitiveness, and a lot of potential moving forward.”

Fennville’s boys picked up a win over Allegan and saw several standout individual performances, led by Gabe Gonzalez, who won the 800 in 2:10.30,

and Chris Davie, who took first in the long jump (19-8.5). Macy Samp added a win in the 200 (27.62) for the Blackhawks, while Isabelle Sliter won the 3,200 (12:15.06).

Fennville coach Josh Sliter said his team also saw growth across the board.

“We had 35 personal bests set by the athletes in multiple events over the course of the evening,” he said.

Allegan’s girls were led by a strong all-around effort from Jayden VandenaAkker, who earned multiple first-place finishes in the sprints, hurdles and high jump, while Bailee Dilley added several top finishes, including wins in the pole vault and sprints.

Eliza DeLaet also had a strong showing in the throws, winning the shot put and placing well in discus, while the 400 relay team of DeLaet, VandenaAkker, Aylah Copeland and Nevaeh Williams took first.

“It was an outstanding night of competition highlighted by numerous strong

performances, new personal bests, and scoring finishes for our Tigers,” Allegan coach Mike Chalupa said.

On the boys side, Brody McDade highlighted the Tigers’ effort with a win in the 200 and multiple top finishes, while Thomas Sigler and Kellen Chalupa led the distance events and Ezra Smith won the pole vault.

Allegan also saw a number of personal-best performances on the night, with Chalupa noting continued progress early in the season.

ball. Izzy McGowen followed by reaching base and driving in the Tigers’ run.

In the field, Alaina Termeer made a strong impact early, recording all three outs in the first inning, including a solo double play. McGowen also contributed defensively while playing center field, making a catch, while Alexis McCoy added another defensive highlight.

“We showed improvement in the field,” Brodhagen said. “We earned more outs the second game and had a stop at home plate. We kept our heads up and held together as we battled.”

Despite the loss, Brodhagen said the team’s mindset stood out.

“If we can continue that while we progress and pay

attention to details, we will progress through our challenges,” she said. “Our story is just starting.”

Brodhagen knew the games would be challenging.

“We went up against a well-oiled, classy program,” Brodhagen said.

McGowen reached base for Allegan in the first game, while Maia Perez, Annabell Roden and Termeer each made defensive plays that contributed to outs.

Pinnell threw 75 pitches in the game, issuing four walks.

“Our defense struggled with some errors and passed balls,” Brodhagen said. “We have work to do but these girls are getting better every day.”

Fennville softball falls

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

WATERVLIET—The Fennville softball team dropped a conference doubleheader at Watervliet on Tuesday, April 14.

The Blackhawks fell 14-0 in a four-inning opener and 11-1 in six innings in the nightcap.

Lily Achterhof, Marynn Winne, Hayden Johnson and Mackenzie McIlwain each recorded a hit for Fennville on the day.

Otsego tennis prevails

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Otsego girls tennis team picked up a Wolverine Conference win, sweeping Edwardsburg 8-0 on Monday, April 20.

The Bulldogs were strong across the board in singles play, as No. 1 Hailey Burd (6-3, 6-0), No. 2 Ellie Korringa (6-0, 6-1), No. 3 Lydia Griffith (6-0, 6-0) and No. 4 Alie Bronson (6-1, 6-4) all secured straight-set wins.

Otsego carried that momentum into doubles, where No. 1 Sara McCaw and Stella Houseman picked up a 6-1, 6-4 win at No. 1.

No. 2 Mila Garrett and Hope Stender (6-2, 6-2), No. 3 Laney Sweet and Rachel Breese (7-6(7), 6-4) and No. 4 Emma Gilson and Brooklynn Cockerel (6-1, 6-1) also came out on top.

Saugatuck soccer drops pair

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

The Saugatuck girls soccer team welcomed South Haven to town on Monday, April 20, and the teams engaged in a defensive battle.

Unfortunately for the Trailblazers, South Haven collected the game’s only goal to claim the 1-0 win.

The decisive score came on a long chip from about 30 yards out, but Saugatuck had its chances throughout.

“The rest of the game was a series of close calls as we continued to challenge their keeper, but couldn’t quite find a way to put one in,” Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips said.

Saugatuck carried that same fight into its Friday, April 17 matchup against NorthPointe Christian.

Despite being short-handed, the Trailblazers matched the Mustangs early, battling to a scoreless draw through the first half.

“We held NorthPointe Christian to a 0-0 at half, but we had a few girls missing and just didn’t have the depth that day,” Phillips said.

NorthPointe Christian eventually pulled away in the second half, handing Saugatuck an 8-0 setback as the numbers began to take their toll.

Saugatuck will look to bounce back Thursday, April 23, when it travels to Coloma.

Soccer results:

BY JASON WESSELDYK
SPORTS EDITOR

Fennville 6, Bloomingdale 1

Fennville picked up its first win of the season on Monday, April 20.

The Blackhawks bested host Bloomingdale 6-1, led by a big game from Candela Ruiz Martinez.

Ruiz Martinez finished with three goals and two assists, while Kimberly Mendoza-Huynh added two goals and an assist. Andy Balke also scored and finished with two assists.

Leslie Hernandez earned the win in goal.

Hamilton 5, Zeeland West 0

Hamilton put together a strong all-around performance in a 5-0 win over Zeeland West on Monday, April 20.

Ella Achterhof led the way with three goals, while Ellery Ritema and Emma Klingenberg each added a goal.

Achterhof, Ritema, Joselyn Paskvan, Presley Hippey each recorded an assist.

Plainwell 8, Three Rivers 0

Plainwell turned in a dominant effort in its Wolverine Conference matchup with Three Rivers on Monday, April 20.

The Trojans rolled to an 8-0 win, ending the match early via the mercy rule.

Alayna Eldred and Aubrey Witt each scored two goals to lead the way, while Anna Eldred, Caitlyn Ridgeway, Teighlor Nooney and Leigha Weldon also found the back of the net.

Leigha Weldon added an assist, while Ella Pettik, Alyanna Eldred and Ryagan Truit also recorded assists.

Olivia Ranger earned the shutout in goal.

Plainwell 6, Marshall 2

A pair of Plainwell players scored multiple goals to lead the Trojans to the 6-2 win over Marshall on Saturday, April 18.

Alayna Eldred and Anna Eldred each scored two goals, while Shea Hodapp and Ella Bridges also found the back of the net.

Eldred added an assist, with Raygan Truit and Lily Hendershott also recording assists.

Hamilton 5, Holland 1

Joselyn Paskvan and Ella Achterhof formed quite the one-two punch for Hamilton in a 5-1 win over Holland on Friday, April 17.

Paskvan led the way with three goals, while Achterhof added two more.

Emma Slotman recorded two assists, with Paskvan and Carsyn Lubbers each adding one.

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Allegan tennis places second in Tiger Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allegan girls tennis team hosted the Tiger Invitational on Saturday, April 18. And it was a who's who of Division 4 teams, as it featured three ranked squads, including top-ranked Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Tigers are fourth Allegan and Lansing Catholic in No. 10.

In the end, Greenhills took the team title

with 21 points, followed by Allegan with 17 and Lansing Catholic with 15. North Muskegon (11), Armada (5) and Comstock Park (3) rounded out the standings.

Leading the way for Allegan were No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

The No. 2 team of Taylor Fuller and Hanna Kievit captured the flight title, while the No. 3 duo of Sophia Augustine and Emma Schefler also finished first.

"I have to give a shout-out to our 2D and

3D teams," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "Taylor, Hanna, Emma and Sophia really played some of the best tennis of their careers against Greenhills in the championship matches.

"Their energy, teamwork, and coachability rose their excellent play another level."

Allegan also had a number of strong finishes throughout the lineup.

Addy Fales placed runner-up at No. 1 singles, while Ava Thompson was runner-up at No. 4 singles. The No. 1 doubles team of Madison Cook and Ireland Dewey also finished second.

No. 2 singles Camdyn Drozd and the No. 4 doubles team of Kaylee Haas and Hailey Gauthier both placed third. Kendall Halstead was fifth at No. 3 singles.

Poor weather conditions caused a delay at the start of the event, as only the four indoor courts could be used.

"The ladies did not let the slow start affect their level of play," Arthur said. "We played some high level tennis against some high level opponents.

"I'm super proud of the way we played against Ann Arbor Greenhills across the board. We didn't enter those matches scared. We stuck to our goal: to compete and make them earn it."

Arthur said the performance was something to build on moving forward.

"Their energy, teamwork and coachability rose their excellent play another level," he said. "I'm just super proud of what they achieved."

A day earlier, the Tigers traveled to Western Michigan University and came away with a pair of wins over SAC/Lakeland Conference foe Hackett and state qualifier Lumen Christi.

Allegan defeated Hackett 8-0 and followed with another 8-0 win over Lumen Christi.

"We made a strong statement tonight in our conference with a strong performance versus Hackett," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said.

Allegan's depth, particularly in doubles, proved to be a key factor throughout the day, while a pair of comeback efforts at singles highlighted the win over Lumen Christi.

"The matches of the day go to our three and four singles," Arthur said. "Both of which lost tough first-set tiebreakers against Lumen Christi, but rallied behind Coach Liv to secure two wins in match tiebreakers."

Halstead played No. 3 singles, with Ava Thompson at No. 4.

With the victories, the Tigers improved to 8-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play heading into the Tiger Invitational.



Members of the Allegan tennis team were all smiles after a strong showing at the Tiger Invitational. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck boys dominate, girls edged late in tri-meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

GOBLES—The Saugatuck boys track and field team turned in a dominant performance Monday, while the girls squad came up just short in a tightly contested tri-meet at Gobles.

The Trailblazer boys earned a pair of decisive wins, defeating Gobles 88-48 and Black River 103-24. Gobles defeated Black River 102-30 in the third matchup.

Saugatuck was powered by a number of standout individual and relay performances.

Charlie Robison won the 100-meter dash in 11.52, while Gabe Lauer took first in the 200-meter dash in 23.33. Ashton Skinner swept the hurdles events, winning

the 110-meter hurdles in 17.37 and the 300-meter hurdles in 46.27.

Saugatuck also found success in the relays, taking first in three events. The 4x100 team of Grady Palmer, Robison, Brennan Nor and Lauer finished in 45.46, while the 4x200 team of Henry Gannon, Pete Mitchell, Palmer and Skinner posted a time of 1:40.94. The 4x800 relay team of Sawyer Monroe, Jackson Bowman, Ira Brown and Tommy Bullinger added another win in 8:52.18.

In the field events, Lincoln Church won both the shot put (36-2) and discus (117-0), while Lincoln Leathers cleared 11-0 to take first in the pole vault.

"We were powered by a number of standout individual and relay performances,"

Saugatuck boys coach Rick Bauer said.

On the girls side, Saugatuck earned a 96-28 win over Black River but fell just short against Gobles, 72-64, in a meet that came down to the final event.

"It was a tightly contested meet that came down to the final event," Bauer said.

Despite the narrow loss, Saugatuck had several standout individual performances.

Alina Martinson won three events, taking first in the 100-meter dash (13.67), 400-meter dash (1:02.00) and 800-meter run (2:29.80).

Novella DeGraaf had a standout all-around performance, winning four events: the 200-meter dash (27.75), 100-meter hurdles (18.67), pole vault (9-6) and long jump (15-5).



Members of the Saugatuck boys distance crew compete at the tri-meet in Gobles. (Photo by Vince Heyser)

Bella Ketterer added a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles (57.44).

Overall, Bauer said the meet showed the team's

depth and competitiveness.

"This meet showcased our depth and competitiveness, particularly in the boys' dominant showing and the

girls' close battle with Gobles," Bauer said. "We'll look to build on these performances as the season progresses."

Blackhawks earn wins over K-Christian, Holland Christian

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

FENNVILLE—In its first season as an MHSAA-sanctioned sport, the Fennville boys volleyball team is already making noise.

The Blackhawks picked up a pair of wins on Thursday, April 16, defeating Kalamazoo Christian 2-0 (25-22, 25-16) before knocking off No. 4-ranked Holland Christian 2-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-18).

Fennville improved to 10-4 overall with the sweep.

Against Kalamazoo Christian, Noah Saucedo led the

way with 15 kills and three digs, while Ja'Hari Grant added nine kills and four digs. Jesus Salinas dished out 21 assists, Jose Salinas recorded nine digs and Gio Herrera added a pair of aces.

The Blackhawks followed that up with an impressive comeback win over Holland Christian after dropping the opening set.

Grant powered the offense with 20 kills, while Saucedo added 14 kills, a block and eight digs. Jesus Salinas continued to direct the attack with 33 assists, Jose Salinas anchored the defense with 11 digs and Herrera chipped in two kills.



Jesus Salinas sets the ball for Fennville in a recent match. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck baseball dominates Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

SAUGATUCK—A no-hitter from Holden Burd set the tone for a big night for Saugatuck.

Burd tossed four no-hit innings in the opener, striking out nine of the 12 batters he faced, as the Trailblazers rolled to a 15-0 win over Gobles in SAC action on Monday, April 13.

Saugatuck completed the sweep with a 19-4 win in the nightcap.

In the opener, the Trailblazers wasted little time taking control, erupting for 10 runs in the first inning.

"Offensively, we started off with a 10-spot in the first inning," Saugatuck coach Jaden Grigg said. "We took advantage of free bases, but we also did a good job of scoring runners in scoring position with our bats."

Nolan LaLonde led the offense with three hits and four runs scored, while Soren Peterson added a pair of hits. Evan Kothman and Morgan Davis each drove in runs as part of a 12-hit effort.

While the offense cooled after the opening frame, Burd made sure it didn't matter.

"He pitched a tremendous

game on the mound," Grigg said. "He pitched four no-hit innings in our shortened game, with nine of the 12 outs being via the strikeout, essentially giving the defense a game off."

Saugatuck carried that offensive momentum into game two, again capitalizing on opportunities at the plate.

The Trailblazers finished with 19 runs, fueled by three big innings, including a grand slam from Braison Jones in the third inning that helped break the game open. Jones finished with five RBIs, while Jack Drummond drove in three

runs and scored three times.

"We took advantage of free bases in game two," Grigg said. "We had three big innings and 19 total runs."

Gobles briefly made things interesting, scoring four runs in the second inning to cut the deficit to 5-4, but Saugatuck responded in a big way.

"After Gobles scored four in the second to trim the lead, we did a good job of responding by outscoring them 14-0 the rest of the game," Grigg said.

Jones earned the win on the mound in game two, striking out eight over four innings while allowing just two hits.

Grigg noted there are still areas to clean up defensively, but was pleased with the overall effort in the sweep.

Wayland golf opens league play

By Jason Wesseldyk
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wayland boys golf team turned in a fourth-place finish at the OK Gold Conference's first jamboree of the season on Tuesday, April 14, at The Mines Golf Course.

The Wildcats posted a team score of 327 in the seven-team field, led by Jaden Osterhout's 77.

Hustler Sok added an 82, while Shane Koon and Nick Winchel each shot 84.

Carson Sipkema carded an 85, and Braden Calkins finished with a 92.

Wayland opened the season the previous day at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational at Egypt Valley.

The Wildcats shot a 352 as a team, with Calkins leading the way with an 84.

Osterhout followed with an 87, while Sok shot 89. Sipkema added a 92, and Koon finished with a 93.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John T. Perry, a single man who acquired title as a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: September 25, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 3, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$54,602.84

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as:

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Notice of Public Hearing Monterey Township Planning Commission Meeting

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Monterey Township will hold Public Hearing(s) to deliberate the following topics on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at the Monterey Center United Methodist Church located at 3022 130th Ave, Allegan, Michigan:

- 1. An application for special use from Jack Dendel, owner of the property addressed 2750 28th St, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-16-027-021-01, to create 3 new parcels over 2 acres in the A-1 Agriculture zoning district per section 5.05.D.1. of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance.
- 2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours and on the Monterey Township Website at www.monterey-township.org.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Secretary at Monterey Township Hall, 2999 30th Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010 or by calling 616-877-2000. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on April 16, 2026, the Township Board for Leighton Township adopted new Ordinance No. 2025-12-11 entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate Camping Trailers and Similar Items and to Provide Penalties for the Violation of Such Regulations," which will apply throughout Leighton Township. A summary of new Ordinance No. 2025-12-11 (also referenced as "Ordinance" herein) is as follows:

Section 1. Short Title. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "Leighton Township Camping Trailer Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose and Intent. This Section summarizes the purposes, intent and findings supporting and behind the Ordinance.

Section 3. Definitions. This Section defines the terms "Camper" for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 4. Regulations for campers. This Section provides certain provisions regulating campers. Specifically, it provides how many campers are permitted on a lot or parcel during a time period, the length of time that camping on a particular lot or parcel is permitted, and other provisions related to the use of a camper for camping on a lot or parcel.

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whether to issue a camping permit.

Section 6. Nuisances. This Section specifies what constitutes a nuisance for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 7. Storage. This Section specifies when campers may be parked or stored outdoors on a lot or parcel.

Section 8. Nuisance. This Section provides that the use and presence of a camping trailer in violation of the Ordinance is public nuisance per se.

Section 9. Prima Facie Evidence. This Section provides that ownership, lease, occupation, or use of land by any person, entity, firm, or corporation upon which a camping trailer is used, stored, or placed shall be prima facie evidence that such person, firm, entity, or corporation stored or placed the camping trailer upon such land, or permitted such camping trailer to be stored, or placed upon such land.

Section 10. Violations: Penalty, Remedies and Enforcement. This Section specifies that a violation of the Ordinance is a nuisance per se and a municipal civil infraction subject to specified fines. This Section also provides which Township officials are authorized to enforce the Ordinance and specifies their authority. Finally, this Section also discusses subsequent offenses, cumulative effects of the remedies, fines, attorney fees, court costs, separate lawsuits, and other matters relating to penalties and remedies.

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Section 11. Severability. This Section provides that if any sections, provisions, phrases, or words of the Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of the Ordinance.

Section 12. Lawful Campgrounds. This Section provides that the Ordinance shall not apply to lawful campgrounds that fully comply with the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 13. Effective Date. This Section states that the Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with law. * * *

A full copy of the new Ordinance may be inspected, obtained, reviewed and/or purchased at the Leighton Township offices at 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, Michigan 49348 during normal business hours (between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; the office is closed on Mondays and Fridays) or by contacting the Leighton Township Clerk at (616) 891-8238. The new Ordinance will become effective upon the expiration of 30 days after this notice appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

Respectively submitted by, Rachel Fennema Leighton Township Clerk (616) 891-8238

PUBLIC NOTICES

of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Elyse Suzanne Turley and Ronald Masters, wife and husband, ("Mortgagors"), gave a mortgage to Advia Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated January 28, 2022, and recorded on February 2, 2022, in Liber 4726, on Page 322, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and 01/100 Dollars (\$37,132.01) plus accrued interest at 9.250% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Said premises are situated in the City of Otsego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block D, HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF OTSEGO, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 22 of Plats, Allegan County Records. Commonly: 532 E Morell St., Otsego, MI 49078—Tax Id #54-454-009-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 2, 2026 Advia Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340 (04-02)(04-30)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in

ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Peter J. Gavrun, surviving tenant, unmarried, whose address is 1091 Bridge Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, being a mortgage dated March 11, 2018, and recorded on April 6, 2018 in Liber 4234 Page 930, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shell-point Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 2, 2023 and recorded on November 2, 2023 in Liber 4899 Page 323, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 58/100 DOLLARS (\$82,270.58). Said premises are situated in the Township of Trowbridge, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/8 POST OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 1710.00 FEET TO THE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON SAID 1/8 LINE 307.79 FEET, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 240.05 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 313.17 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 240.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 1091 Bridge Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER

ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 2, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7088 (04-02)(04-23)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judiciary act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at

the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 07, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Timothy A. Stevens and Tari Stevens, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Household Finance Corporation III Date of mortgage: November 26, 2002 Recorded on January 3, 2003, Liber 2366, on Page 209, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on July 6, 2011, Liber 3528, on Page 660, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust IX-A Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 37/100 Dollars (\$201,650.37) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: THE NORTH 124.84 FEET OF THE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Allegan Property Sale

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of real property as follows:

Sale of the following property on Weeks Street with a parcel number 51-290-003-00 to Brandon and Melissa Genzink:

Legal Description – LOT 7 EXC N 15' THEREOF WEEKS ADDITION SEC 28. (13T).

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed property sale. Please send all written comments to the address listed below.

Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk
City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

HEATH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HEATH TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

Please take notice that the Heath Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Heath Township Hall, 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI, 49419. Proceedings conducted at this meeting are being conducted pursuant to the Zoning Enabling Act of 2006 (PA 110) as amended and the Open Meetings Act as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. A public hearing to consider a request from Chad VanSoelen, interested party, for final review of "Phase III Riverwalk Meadows"- a Planned Unit Development and site condominium residential development comprising 10 units developed to R-1A standards- pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Heath Township Zoning Ordinance. The unaddressed parcel lies along the north side of 134th Avenue also known as parcel number 03-09-005-031-41, approximately 26.61 acres and legally described as COM S 1/4 COR TH N 01DEG 37'19" W 250' TO POB; TH CONT N 01DEG 37'19" W 693.48'; TH N 88DEG 22'41" E 318.95'; TH N 75DEG 20'47" E 760.53'; TH N 37DEG 17'09" W 155.34'; TH NE'LY 66.25' ALONG A 220' RAD CURVE TO LT WITH CHORD BEARING N 52DEG 42'51" E 66'; TH S 37DEG 17'09" E 182.86'; TH N 88DEG 53'00" E 176.96'; TH S 01DEG 07'00" E 1165.82'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 250.07'; TH N 00DEG 01'15" W 435.6'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 400'; TH S 00DEG 01'15" E 435.6'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 496.67'; TH N 01DEG 37'19" W 250'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 150' TO POB SEC 5 T3N R14W.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Heath Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

Heath Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Heath Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Heath Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Missy Harvey, Clerk
3440 M-40, P.O. Box 241
Hamilton, Michigan 49419
(269) 751-2403

NOTICE OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER CONSTRUCTION

Horvath Towers VI is planning to construct a communications tower in Wayland, Michigan. Horvath Towers VI has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for an Antenna Structure Registration utilizing Form 854 with a filing number of A1382587. The tower is located with an approximate address of +/- 1148 138th Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348. Coordinates of the location are 42° 41' 42.6" N, -85° 39' 32.02". The project consists of the construction of a 140' tall self-support tower plus appurtenances for an overall height of 142'. The ground space will be developed with a fenced in compound measuring approximately 100' x 100'. The tower will not be lit. Interested persons can review this application by going to: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 file number of A1382587. Persons who may have environmental concerns about this structure are able to raise such concerns by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file a Request for Environmental Review. Interested persons can file a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. If you would rather mail in a paper copy you can do so to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYLAND TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION 1060 129th Avenue Bradley, MI 49311 269-792-6394

NOTE: The location of this meeting has been changed from the normal meeting location of the Wayland Township Hall to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of Wayland Township will hold a Public Hearing to deliberate the following topics on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church located at 159 131st Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348.

1. An application from Blazing Star Solar, LLC, interested party, for special use permit and related site plan review to establish a 125-megawatt nameplate capacity solar energy collection facility, otherwise known as a "Solar Farm", and related substation and generation interconnect line within the "A" Agricultural District, in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.49 Solar Energy Systems (SES) of the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance. All properties involved in the above request are as follows:
 - a. PPN 03-24-013-005-00, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)
 - b. PPN 03-24-014-017-00, 2nd Street (unaddressed)
 - c. PPN 03-24-023-001-00, 2nd Street (unaddressed)
 - d. PPN 03-24-013-011-00, Patterson Rd (unaddressed)
 - e. PPN 03-24-012-004-20, 2939 2nd Street
 - f. PPN 03-24-012-002-00, 133rd Avenue (unaddressed)
 - g. PPN 03-24-012-003-10, 80 133rd Avenue
 - h. PPN 03-24-013-004-00, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)
 - i. PPN 03-24-024-001-00, 19 129th Avenue
 - j. PPN 03-24-024-003-00, 130th Avenue (unaddressed)
 - k. PPN 03-24-013-001-60, 69 Skyview Way
 1. PPN 03-24-013-009-20, 108 131st Avenue
 - m. PPN 03-24-013-009-30, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)

2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies of the proposed amendments, application, and materials are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission at Wayland Township Hall, P.O. Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

MATT MINER, SECRETARY
WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
(616) 262-8086

Notice Trowbridge Township Allegan, Michigan

Planning Commission public hearing notice regarding special use in Agricultural District Zoning Ordinance:

To: Residence and Property owners of Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan and other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Trowbridge Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 21st, 2026 7:00 p.m. at the Trowbridge Township Hall, 913 S.M-40, within the township to consider the following:

1. Special use request by Harry Rutherford to allow a land split on a parcel less than 10 acres in the AG zoning district, per section 5.03 of the Trowbridge Township Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 2677 106th Ave. within the Township. The tax I.D. number is 21-014-014-00
2. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission at said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that following the public hearing on the proposed special use request, the Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions or deny the special use request.

PLEASE TAKE FUTHER NOTICE the special use application will be available for inspection at the Township Hall, 913 S. M-40, within the Township with an appointment at any time during regular business hours of regular days and will be available at said hearing for public inspection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received at the office of the Township Supervisor at any time during regular business hours of regular days and will further be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Trowbridge Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days' notice to the Trowbridge Township Supervisor of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Supervisor by writing or calling the Supervisor.

All persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to participate in discussion on the above.

TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Nick Loll, Chair
Jeff Kaylor, Trowbridge Township Supervisor
913 S. M-40
Allegan, MI 49010
616-218-1898

PUBLIC NOTICES

WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 SECTION 17, TOWN 4 NORTH RANGE 12 WEST. Commonly known as 4245 21st St, Dorr, MI 49323 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust IX-A Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1590154 (04-09)(04-30)

Allegan County Circuit Court Case No. 25-70574-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan on the 4th of June, 2026 at 9:00 am, local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, particularly described as Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 18, Capen's Addition; thence South 298.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described;

thence East 198.00 feet; thence South 100.00 feet; thence West 198.00 feet; thence North 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, Allegan County Records. More commonly known as: 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 49408 This notice is from a debt collector. Date of Notice: 4/16/2026 Trott Law, P.C. 1590632 (04-16)(05-21)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT ALLEGAN COUNTY PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF TRUST PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2026-26066005-TV In the matter of James C. Grant Trust
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:* William Kevin Grant whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE:
1. On May 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010, will be hearing the Petition for Approval of Accounts and Succession of Trustee.
2. David W. Kuitert, of 110 S. Sunset Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, is the current acting Trustee of the James C. Grant Trust.
3. Trustee is seeking approval of the Account of Fiduciary 2023, 1st; Account of Fiduciary 2024, 2nd; Account of Fiduciary 2025, 3rd as well as his resignation and appointment of successor trustee by the Allegan County Probate Court.
4. The documents related to the trust are on file with the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010. This is not a supervised administration.
5. A copy of the Petition for Approval of Accounts and Succession of Trustee; Inventory, Account of Fiduciary 2023, 1st; Account of Fiduciary 2024, 2nd; and Account of Fiduciary 2025, 3rd; have been filed with the Allegan County Probate Court.
6. You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the trust, including for distribution of assets and allowance of

expenses of administration. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.
7. The result of this hearing may affect your interest in the matter.
April 20, 2026
Teresa L. Rajala P83305
100 W. Michigan Ave. #200 Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 226-2950
David W. Kuitert
110 S. Sunset Street Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 870-4579
4-23 5-7

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT ALLEGAN COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the matter of The Smith Family Revocable Living Trust dated October 7, 2002 Date of birth: June 8, 1936
TO ALL CREDITORS: * NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald L. Smith died March 11, 2026
There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Donald J. Smith, Trustee of The Smith

Family Revocable Living Trust, under a Trust Agreement Dated October 7, 2002, as amended.
4/13/2026
Mika Meyers
Neil P. Jansen P41922
900 Monroe Ave NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-632-8000
Donald J. Smith
620 137th Avenue Wayland, MI 49348 616-889-8131

STATE OF Michigan 48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Judicial District County Probate ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION Case NO. 26-71744-CH Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Brian J. Bender
1085 42nd Street Allegan, MI 49010 269-286-2681
v Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).
Carolyn Dawn Hays, Deceased TO: Carolyn Dawn Hays and Any heirs and/or creditors.

IT IS ORDERED:
1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to assign ownership of manufactured home/mobile home. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before Monday, June 1, 2026. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
2 A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.
4/14/26
Judge Jipp P80899

NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION Case NO. 26-71744-CH
Brian J. Bender v Carolyn Dawn Hays, deceased, and any known heirs
Notice of Hearing
1. Motion title: Entry of ownership and for publication
2. Moving party: Brian Bender
3. This matter has been placed on the motion calendar for:
Judge Jipp
Monday 6/1/26 at 1:30pm
Courtroom A

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.
Motion
Motion for entry of an order declaring ownership of manufactured/mobile home, Motion of Entry of order for publication.
4-16-26
4/23 4/30 5/7

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following: TAKE NOTICE: KYRYN DEE WILLIS has filed a petition for name change. A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 10:30 AM
at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 ; to change the name of: KYRYN DEE WILLIS to KYRYN DEE WEEVER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PUBLIC NOTICE GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Gun Plain Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 193 on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 4:30 PM at a special Township Board meeting. The proposed ordinance would adopt a Moratorium on considering applications for data centers.

Ordinance No. 193 Moratorium would put a temporary moratorium in effect until August 31, 2026 or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinance or regulations addressing data centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours or online at www.gun-plain.org.

Effective date

This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received from any interested person at the Township Office, 381 8th St., P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, up to and including the date of the public hearing and may also be submitted to the Township Board at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Gun Plain Charter Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days written notice to the Township Clerk at 381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 or by Phone 269-685-9471 or Fax 269-685-5169.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone 269-685-9471/Fax 269-685-5169

MICHAEL VANDENBERG, SUPERVISOR
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Trowbridge Township Residence 2026 Spring Clean-up May 2nd 9:00am to 12:00pm

Location : Township recycle center next to the Township Hall at 913 M-40 south.

Items NOT accepted: Tires, Liquids, Construction materials, Hazardous waste, Yard waste (sticks, branches, leaves etc.).

Rain or Shine, clean it up and bring it in.
Questions: please call Jeff Kaylor 616-218-1898

CITY OF FENNVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Fennville shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

1. Request for special use permit from Phillip Buoscio, owner of 427 E Main Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-52-032-059-00, to establish a short-term rental unit within the B-1 Downtown Edge District, per Section 450-804(A)(10) of the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the City Commissioner at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408 or by calling City Hall at (269) 561-8321. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

KATIE BEEMER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF FENNVILLE
(269) 561-8321

Help Wanted

Allegan Township is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. The position will require office hours of Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm and four Saturdays during the year. The candidate should be professional in manner that works well with the public and a problem solver with proficiency in communication and computer skills. Basic understanding of clerical procedures such as typing, record keeping and filing are necessary. Interested candidates should possess organizational skills and have attention to detail.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Decedent's Trust
In the Matter of
THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
AGREEMENT OF BRUCE D. CUL-
VER DATED AUGUST 20, 1993, AS
AMENDED AND RESTATED ON AU-
GUST 22, 2023

TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Grantor/Decedent, Bruce D.
Culver (date of birth: October 20, 1931)
died March 9, 2026. There is no per-
sonal representative of the Grantor's
estate to whom Letters of Authority have
been issued.

Creditors of the Grantor/Decedent
are notified that all claims against Bruce
D. Culver or The Revocable Living
Trust Agreement of Bruce D. Culver
Dated August 20, 1993, As Amended
and Restated on August 22, 2023 will
be forever barred unless presented to
Charles A. Culver, Trustee, within four
(4) months after the date of publication
of this notice.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that
the Trust will thereafter be assigned and
distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Date: March 26, 2026
Attorney for Trustee:
Brett A. Grossman (P63069)
Kristin C. Duffy (P88003)
Grossman Home & Cannizzaro, PC
610 N. Spruce Street, PO Box 59
Vicksburg, MI 49097
(269) 649-3000
Trustee:
Charles A. Culver
8105 AB Avenue
Otsego, MI 49072
269-492-2590

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26-71681-CH
HON. EMILY W. JIPP
JOSEPH WATSON
Plaintiff
Vs
THE ESTATE OF RICHARD IRVING

HORROCKS; and each of his un-
known
Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,
Defendant
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE,
McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
NOTICE OF HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a
hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry
of Judgment by Default will be held on
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. be-
fore the Hon. Emily W. Jipp in the Circuit
Courtroom, County Building, Allegan,
Michigan.

Dated: April 16, 2026
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCK-
OWN & Kiel, PC
Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (spec-
ify non-custodial parent's name here, if
applicable)
whose address is unknown and
whose interest in the matter may be
barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: AMBER LYNN
HAMLETT has filed a petition for name
change.
A name change hearing will be held
on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 11:15
AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM
before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater
P74848, to change the name of:
AMBER LYNN HAMLETT to AMBER
LYNN BLUE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO. 24-65100-DE
Estate of Roger Rinninger, deceased
Date of Birth: 05/05/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The
decedent, Roger J Rinninger, died April
30, 2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified
that all claims against the estate will be
barred unless presented to Cody
A. Milburn, personal representative,
or to both the probate court at 113
Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and
the personal representative, within 4
months after the date of publication of
this notice.

April 23, 2026
Laurie Tange
913 Ely Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-744-4813

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE
- ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclo-
sure by Advertisement. Notice is given
under section 3212 of the revised judi-
cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
600.3212, that the following mortgage
will be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-
gaged premises, or some part of them,
at a public auction sale to the highest
bidder for cash or cashier's check at
the place of holding the circuit court in
Allegan County, starting promptly at
9:00 AM, on May 21, 2026. The amount
due on the mortgage may be greater on
the day of the sale. Placing the highest
bid at the sale does not automatically
entitle the purchaser to free and clear
ownership of the property. A potential
purchaser is encouraged to contact the
county register of deeds office or a title
insurance company, either of which may
charge a fee for this information. MORT-
GAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christian Terhorst,
a single man, and Michaela Vlietstra,
a single woman, as joint tenants with
right of survivorship Original Mortgagee:
Mortgage Electronic Registration Sys-
tems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee
for lender and lender's successors and
assigns Date of mortgage: July 18,
2025 Recorded on July 22, 2025, Liber
5051, on Page 632, and re-recorded via
Affidavit of Correction on April 2, 2026,
Liber 5124, on Page 891, Foreclosing
Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC Amount

claimed to be due at the date hereof:
Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six
Hundred Forty and 55/100 Dollars
(\$218,640.55) Mortgaged premises: Sit-
uated in Allegan County, and described
as: Lots 7 and 8, Green Meadows Sub-
division, being in the Southwest quarter
of Section 31, Town 1 North, Range 15
West, according to the recorded plat
thereof, as recorded in Liber 7, Page
4 of Plats, Allegan County Records.
Commonly known as 5975 Baseline Rd,
Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemp-
tion period will be 6 month from the date
of such sale, unless abandoned under
MCL 600.3241a, in which case the re-
demption period will be 30 days from the
date of such sale, or 15 days from the
MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is
later; or unless extinguished pursuant to
MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced
property is sold at a foreclosure sale
under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961,
under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will
be held responsible to the person who
buys the property at the mortgage fore-
closure sale or to the mortgage holder
for damaging the property during the re-
demption period. Attention homeowner:
If you are a military service member on
active duty, if your period of active duty
has concluded less than 90 days ago,
or if you have been ordered to active
duty, please contact the attorney for the
party foreclosing the mortgage at the
telephone number stated in this notice.
NewRez LLC Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938
Research Dr. Suite 300 Farmington
Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
1591495
(04-23)(05-14)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-
CLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A
DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING
TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFOR-
MATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED
FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE
CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE
NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN
ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS:
This sale may be rescinded by the fore-

closing mortgagee. In that event, your
damages, if any, shall be limited solely
to the return of the bid amount tendered
at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION
HOMEOWNER: If you are a military
service member on active duty, if your
period of active duty has concluded less
than 90 days ago, or if you have been
ordered to active duty, please contact
the attorney for the party foreclosing
the mortgage at the telephone number
stated in this notice. Notice of foreclo-
sure by advertisement. Under the power
of sale contained herein in said mort-
gage and the statute in such case made
and provided, notice is hereby given
under section 3212 of the revised judi-
cature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL
600.3212, that the following mortgage
will be foreclosed by a sale of the mort-
gaged premises, or some part of them,
at a public auction sale to the highest
bidder for cash or a cashier's check at
the place of holding the circuit court in
ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at
9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount
due on the mortgage may be greater on
the day of the sale. Placing the highest
bid at the sale does not automatically
entitle the purchaser to free and clear
ownership of the property. A potential
purchaser is encouraged to contact the
county register of deeds office or a title
insurance company, either of which may
charge a fee for this information. MORT-
GAGE SALE – Default has been made
in the conditions of a mortgage made by
Daniel Allen Armentrout and Christine
Armentrout, husband and wife, original
mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic
Registration Systems, Inc., solely as
nominee for Mortgage Research Center,
LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans,
dated October 17, 2023, and recorded
October 19, 2023 in Liber 4895 Page
830, in ALLEGAN County records,
Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home
Lending, LLC by an Assignment of
Mortgage recorded on April 03, 2025 in
Liber 5022, Page 300, on which mort-
gage there is claimed to be due at the
date hereof the sum of One Hundred
Ninety-Eight Thousand and Three-Hundred
Seventy-Four and 59/100 dollars

(\$198,374.59). Said premises are
situated in the City of Allegan, County
of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan,
and particularly described as: Lots 49
and 50, Davis Addition to the Village,
now City of Allegan, Allegan County,
Michigan, according to the recorded
plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of
Plats on Page 67. Property Address:539
Davis Street Allegan, Michigan 49010
Parcel No.: 03-51-120-044-00 The re-
demption period shall be 6 months from
the date of such sale, unless determined
abandoned in accordance with MCLA
600.3241a, in which case the redem-
ption period shall be 30 days from the
date of such sale. If the property is sold
at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32
of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961,
pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower
will be held responsible to the person
who buys the property at the mortgage
foreclosure sale or to the mortgage
holder for damaging the property during
the redemption period. Dated: April 23,
2026 For more information, please call:
(513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner
Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH
45140 File MF2603026 - Armentrout,
Daniel (VA) - DA
(04-23)(05-14)

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (spec-
ify non-custodial parent's name here, if
applicable)
whose address is unknown and
whose interest in the matter may be
barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: JENNIFER LOVE
HAWKINS has filed a petition for name
change.
A name change hearing will be held
on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 11:00
AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM
before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater
P74848, to change the name of: JEN-
NIFER LOVE HAWKINS to JENNIFER
LOVE FRIEDRICHSSEN

PEEK AT THE PAST

From the pages of *The Allegan News* and *The Allegan County News and Gazette*:

April 26, 1951

**Land-use maps com-
plete, ready to aid plans:**
More than half of Allegan
County's farm residents do
not do more farming than
raise a cow, a few chickens
or a home garden.

About 11 per cent of the
county's 535,680 acres is
abandoned, cleared farm-
land.

These figures and some
other interesting informa-
tion on one of the state's 10
best agricultural counties,
have been reported on com-
pletion of a land use map
prepared by Frank Suggett,
extension agent and land
use planning specialist in
land planning, Michigan
State University.

Suggett, who is turning
the map over to County
Agent A.D. Morley for bet-
ter planning of extension
programs, has computed
his findings on a survey that
has taken a year to make.

The map shows 59 per
cent of the land as best
suited for farming, and
21.9 per cent in wood-
lands. The 11 per cent of
abandoned farms does not
include fields now within
the 30,000-acre state forest.
The remaining eight per
cent represents cities and
villages, marshlands, water,
and recreation areas.

April 22, 1976

Blaze burns Game Area:
A forest fire that burned
over about 110 acres of Al-
legan State Game Area and
last Wednesday did little
damage and, in fact, may
have aided the growth of

some plants and trees in the
affected area.

Department of Natural
Resources Conservation su-
pervisor Art Sutton said last
week fire damage was lim-
ited to some young white
pines and that larger trees
were not killed by the blaze
that began early Wednesday
morning and was whipped
in two directions before
being brought under control
about 3 p.m.

Sutton said fire allowed
plant nutrients to enter the
soil immediately and in the
Game Area case, will speed
the growth of young plants
such as aspen.

"The fields involved in
the fire will green up much
faster than normal," Sutton
said.

More than 50 area fire-
men, from the Dorr and the
Allegan Volunteer Fire De-
partment, battled the blaze
as it spread from its origin
north of Little John Lake
both north toward 115th
Avenue and south toward
113th Avenue.

Cause of the blaze was
not determined, but wit-
nesses told the DNR they
saw youngsters leaving the
area at the time of the fire.
A tent tucked under the arm
of one of the youths was re-
ported.

Sutton said others spec-
ulated mushroom pickers
could accidentally have
started the fire as well.

A pilot flying over the
Game Area Wednesday
morning first spotted the
fire and radioed Allegan's
Padgham Field. Officials
there called the Game Area
headquarters on 118th Av-
enue, and they in turn noti-
fied the DNR at Plainwell.

The Game Area fire offi-
cer and Sutton serve as fire

chiefs for both his office and
the Game Area.

Sutton said when he first
arrived on the scene the
wind was from the northeast
and the blaze was moving
in a southwesterly direction
toward 113th Avenue.

April 26, 2001

**Bikes: Every kid oughta
have one!:** The Allegan
Police Department, in con-
junction with the Allegan
Public Schools, has initi-
ated a new program called
"Bikes for Tikes."

Through the efforts of
officer Mel Brummel, the
program was born out of
an article in a magazine.
Brummel explained, "I was
reading a magazine article
about a program in Florida
and thought Allegan could
use a program like this."

With the help of Peggy
Milbocker, wording for a
grant was put together and
submitted to Lisa Rich-
lich of the Allegan County
Community Foundation.
The board accepted the pro-
posal for a one-year grant.

Tom Hunter from West-
ern Auto was contacted and
worked out a way to price
the four bikes, helmets and
locks to fit the grant.

The second stage of the
program was to identify
kids who could benefit from
the presentation of a bike by
the police. For this, Brum-
mel turned to the schools'
teachers and principals, plus
DARE director Brian Dietz,
to narrow the selection to
just four students.

The selection process
resulted in a bike being
presented to Dawson's
Michael Polmateer, North
Ward's Jessica Berridge,
Pine Trails' John Minear
and West Ward's Ryan
Gruhn.

Brummel indicated these
four students were selected
because they represented
some of the best potential
in each of the schools, and
it was hoped the bikes could
be used as incentives for
them to continue to live up
to their potential.

April 29, 2021

**Allegan's Regent The-
ater plans 'gradual re-
opening':** After months of
opening the doors of the
Regent Theater only on
Friday evenings to sell con-
cessions, Parker Johnson,
Downtown and Promotions
Manager, presented to the
Allegan City Council a plan
for reopening the Grand
Old Lady with *Godzilla vs
Kong*.

Beginning Friday, May 7,
Concessions to Go will con-
tinue, while on Saturday,
May 8th and Sunday, May
9th, the Regent will begin
holding 2pm matinees and
7pm evening shows. Masks
will be required, and capac-
ity and seating will follow
state guidelines, which is
currently 50%. This sched-
ule will continue until Me-
morial Day weekend.

Though May will feature
previous blockbuster re-
leases, beginning Memorial
Day Weekend, new releases
will be offered.

Memorial Day Weekend
will begin normal sched-
uling. On Fridays, new re-
leases will open with a 7pm
showing. Fridays – Thurs-
days, there will be a 7pm
showing each evening. In
addition, matinees will be
shown on Saturdays and
Sundays at 2pm.

There will be an adjust-
ment in admission charges.
Matinees will be \$4 and
evening shows will rise to
\$5.

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CLUES ACROSS

- Egyptian bull-god
- Romanian monetary unit
- Will Ferrell holiday film
- 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum' actor
- Error-related negativity
- Volcanic crater
- Boston Herald columnist Margery
- True market value
- Italian term for exchange rate
- Informal loan clubs
- Men's fashion accessory
- Children's craft supply
- Extra benefits
- In an early way
- A judge has one
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Tractor unit

CLUES DOWN

- Bridge building degree
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Large, stocky lizard
- Romanian river
- Communication
- Stoats
- Showcases
- Bird of prey
- King of Thebes
- Cleaving tool
- Large African ante-lope
- Three are particular-ly notable
- Meet one's needs
- C. European river
- Dictator
- Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
- The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- Consume food
- Woman (French)
- Scrape a surface
- Green vegetable

- Defunct supercom-puter developer
- Promotional materials
- A forgetful state
- One who beheads
- Photographers
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Clergy's vestment
- Expressed pleasure
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Zero
- Ancient Greek word for 'earless'
- Nigerian govern-mental area
- Mild expression of surprise
- Places to hang things
- Keyboard key
- Make a mistake
- One-time president of Republic of Korea

- Pacific Standard Time
- Capital of Brazilian city
- Paddle
- Cause to become insane
- Drier and flakier
- Mimic
- ESPN personality
- Kimes
- One who moves slowly
- Secret political clique
- Behind the stern of a ship
- Supernatural force
- Sanctuary
- Swiss river
- Grayish white
- Engrave by coating
- North Carolina university
- Midway between south and southeast

DEATHS

March 29, 2026
JOHN DUANE HOEKSEMA, 56,
Monterey Twp.

March 31, 2026
ROSEMARY KUHL, 87, Leighton
Twp.

April 1, 2026
LAURA MARIE GUERRANT, 58,
Wayland

April 4, 2026
DEBORA LYNN SASAK, 68,
Hokins Twp.

DAWN MARIE CHILDRESS, 71,
Lee Twp.

IMOGENE SUE LAFOUNTAIN, 88,
Allegan Twp.

April 6, 2026
JUNE FULLERTON, 98, Allegan

Twp.
April 8, 2026
JEFFREY EDWARD STEELE, 79,
Fillmore Twp.

April 9, 2026
SUZANNE MELODY LONEY, 77,
Otsego Twp.

April 10, 2026
WILMA JEAN WILSON, 88, Clyde
Twp.

GLORIA GAY EDWARDS, 82,
Holland

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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(See Solution Page B6)

MARRIAGES

The following people applied for
a marriage license between April
7 and April 15:

LEIGHANN ELIZABETH CO-
VILLE, Plainwell, and ALEX
KARL GREENE, Plainwell
JAVIER LUNA JR, Fennville,
and ANNA LEE NINO, Fennville
HUNTER JACOB RIENSTRA,
Wayland, and ALYANA ARLENE
SCHOUW, Wayland
DELMY NOHEMY OSORTO
CARRANZA, Holland, and JUAN
CARLOS BETANCO APLI-
CANO, HOLLY HILL, FL
MADISON LEE TANIS, Ham-
ilton, and ETHAN CHRISTIAN
HEIBEL, Hamilton
TANNA ROSE KNAPP, Dorr,
and SAMUEL MARTIN HESS,
Traverse City
MICHAEL JAMES POLET,
Hamilton, and HANNAH JOY
BLAHA, Grandville

TYLER DAVID COPE, Allegan,
and AUBRI JOANN SIMON, Al-
legan
ANDREW MICHAEL SCHNEI-
DER, Fennville, and SARA
ROPER, Fennville
ROBERTO RODRIGUES
GONZALEZ, Dorr, and ANDREA
SNEHA GROENDYK, Dorr
OLYVIA GRACE CHURCH, Al-
legan, and JADEN WHITE ROB-
ERTS, Allegan
CATHERINE MARIE HU-
VAERE, Holland, and STEVEN
LEE DUTTON, Holland
KYLE ROBERT BENEDICT,
Allegan, and ASHLEE JOY RE-
INSTEIN, Allegan
CAYLIE EMILIA RIESS, Alle-
gan, and DYLAN TIMOTHY DE-
GARMO, Allegan
NATASHA LYNN PROCTOR,
Allegan, and DUSTIN JOHN
MARCUS, Holland

RELIGION SECTION

I was more amused than usual when I first read about a sharp disagreement between someone in the Pentagon and the Vatican ambassador to the US. Apparently the President some of his people took exception to the Pope's Easter comments opposing the war with Iran. On the whole, it compounded the Pope's 'offenses' from earlier in the year when he was critical about the Presidents invasion of Venezuela, his immigration policies and the heavy-handedness of the Homeland Security agents.

In my mind's eye I instantly envisioned an old-fashioned Chicago style "sit down" between gangs, of the O' Banion and Capone era. There would be lots of talk about "respect" but outside of parroting the right words, a distinct lack of respect all around.

The Pope continued the long-standing tradition of protecting and caring for the poor, disenfranchised, and civilians caught between warring factions. In polite terms he made it clear that the aggressors were Israel and the US, and that a lot of innocent people were being seriously injured and killed. It is a message of loving even one's enemies, and compassion. The Church has taught since the beginning. All of it is based, as we know, on the words and actions

of Jesus.

The Pentagon official was having none of it and pivoted into dangerous territory as he pointed out that in the 1370s, when the Pope and Church angered the King of France, the king "invited" the Pope and

senior Vatican officials to Avignon. There, he kept them under somewhat lenient house arrest, but made it clear they were not going anywhere until the Pope recognized the supremacy of the king.

There was nothing new

about this sort of conflict between church and secular power. In 1208, King John of England and Pope Innocent III had the same sort of power struggle over the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. John said he would pick his own man;

the Pope said he had the right to choose. Eventually, when they could not compromise, the Pope dropped the dime on England and placed the country under the Interdict. For the next four years the church officials were on a shut-down and lock out strike, and there were no services in the churches or cathedrals.

At first, the people were terrified. Some of the lower level parish clergy ignored the pope and bishops to care for their congregants, just as always. After a few months, people began to realize that the church leadership was really not very relevant in their lives.

I do not believe anything serious will come out of this most recent dust-up. There is a take-home lesson in this: Very simply, church and state have two different outlooks on many contemporary issues, and neither is shy about making their views known.

I think it is wonderful. If the day ever comes when the church intimidates any government into silence and doing things their way, we will see the rise of a new theocracy. Conversely, if the government suppresses the church, then we will no longer be 'that salt' of which Jesus speaks in the sermon on the Mount. Go and be the salt and the light, just as Jesus instructed us.



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